



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 113th Year—1912-2025

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Our Mission: With respect, cooperation, and joy, through acts of love that build each other up, we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon from our corner in East Hamilton

Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

Palm/Passion Sunday

“Sweet Weepin’ Jesus”

Worship with us In Person, or by Livestream on YouTube, search “Laidlaw Live”

Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

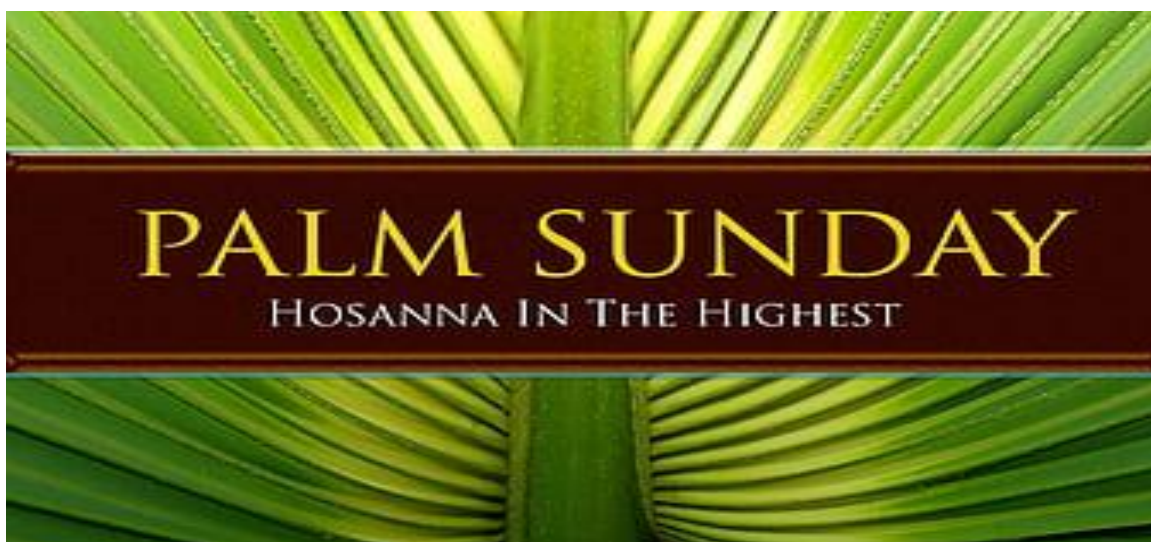
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!



Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube! 'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!
If you are online or in Person, please consider making an offering in one of two ways:
send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca' or press the 'On-Line Donation' button
at www.laidlawchurch.ca Thank you for your support!

Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

Guest Musician: Olivia Brown

Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.

Minister: Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

The Easter Lilies in the Church today are placed...



In Loving Memory of

Tony Scacchi

Loving Husband and Grandpa

Jimmy Walsh

My Nephew

by Nancy Scacchi

Terry and Connie Rousell

Charlene Conkey

by Kathi Austin

Frank Whitehead

My Husband

by Marjorie Whitehead

Shirley Marie Moore

Née Chambers

by Benjamin Chambers Moore

Doris Oldfield,

Thomas (Larry) Padfield,

Gillian Howarth, Joan Bond,

Sharon Jean Larocque,

Joan Redburn, Dave Pashka,

Nicky Judiciani

Maurice (Moe) Bond

by Janet Bond

Alex Jr. Gillis

Jack and Stella Naves

Sandra Naves, Jackie Naves

Roy Saunders

by Estelle Naves

Wayne McNally

Loving Husband, Best Papa

by Colleen McNally

Rhea Usher-Finch, Harris Usher

mother and father

by Carol Courtney and family



Patrick Rodrigue

My Brother

by Kathy Rodrigue

Len Ferguson

My Loving Husband

by Merily Ferguson

Bryan and Edna Blair

by Peter Blair

Edie Redburn

My Husband

by Audrey Redburn

Molly McDonald

My Mother

by Heather Shaw

Shirley Marie Moore

Our Parents

by Rev. Doug Moore

Geoffrey Lawrence, my Husband

Died March 16, 2022

by Dorothy Lawrence

Evelyn & Eileen Burris

Eileen & Jack McLean,

Ian & Evelyn Campbell

Julie and Larry Martin,

Fred Clarkson Aunt Kay,

Aunt Molly Mr. and Mrs. Dyna,

Violet Pam & Gordy Carey

Wendy and Bob Southall

Barb Lawrence,

Josie and Tibor Chontos

Kay Southall, Grandma Imrie

Stella Naves, my best friend.


by Elizabeth Chontos and Family

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call Call to Worship

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

 *Luke 19:28-40 (New Testament, page 83)*

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Palm Parade Hymn

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All Glory, Laud and Honour

Everyone is welcome to put on a costume and join the parade!

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one. *R*
2. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *R*
3. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *R*
4. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. *R*


Prayer of Approach and Confession *(Unison)*

God, you help us, and we know it; but we are told to be quiet about it! We cannot be silent, if we are silent, the stones on the path will cry out!

We confess: In fear, we withhold our praise. We don't speak the words that would sustain the weary. We rebel, ignoring wisdom. We are distracted and do not do the good you ask us to do.

Hosanna! Save us, we pray! Grant us a place with you in paradise. Teach us, to have in ourselves, the attitude of Jesus. Put the fire of your Holy Spirit in our hearts, Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

 *Isaiah 50, Philippians 2*

God has come to us in Christ, sustaining the weary with a word.

It is the LORD who helps us—who will declare us guilty?

The LORD God helps us; therefore, we will not be disgraced!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace!

Anthem

Why Does My Saviour Weep?

Words and Music: Patrick M. Liebergen

We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

Youth and Scripture

 *Luke 19:39*

Branches—Or Stones!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

No. 28 in *All God's Children Sing*



Serve The Lord

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)

Chorus: O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, (serve/trust/thank/love/serve) the Lord!


2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! (2x)
3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! (2x)
4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! (2x)
5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)

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The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

There are colouring pages and puzzles at the back, Class with Drew, and the quiet room is available!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

 *Isaiah 50:4-9a (Old Testament, page 681)*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response

 *Psalm 31:9-16*


Tune: Walton L.M.

1. Be gracious unto me, O my LORD, for I am distressed, my eyes now burn in grief;
My soul, my body now wastes in deep grief, my life is sorrow; my years are a sigh!
2. My strength now fails from my miseries, my bones are all thin, my enemies all scorn;
my life is horror to all my neighbours, all dread and flee from me when they see me!

3. I've passed from mind, like one who is dead, I am like a pot that's broken—good as gone.
I hear the whispering, feel the terror, they scheme against me, and plot my death too.
4. But I will trust in you, O my LORD, For you are my God, my times are in your hands;
Deliver me from the hands of my foes, Let your face shine, save me in steadfast love!


Adapted from the Scripture and set in metre by Rev. Doug Moore

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Philippians 2:5-11* (New Testament, page 197)

This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 23:1-49* (New Testament, page 88)

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

'...Sweet, Weepin' Jesus...'

Gospel Hymn

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives away all fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
5. The effort of my heart is weak, and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek, I'll praise you as I ought.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Laidlaw Sing Along

Snowbird

Words and Music: Gene MacLellan

Offertory and Doxology

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In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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O Sacred Head

1. O sacred head, sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown: how art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!
2. Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the cruel pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour, turn not from me thy face; but look on me with favour, and grant to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and, should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
4. Be near when I am dying, O show thy cross to me; and for my succour flying, come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall not remove, for all who die believing, die safely through thy love.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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God is the One whom we seek together, God is the Life which is part of us all;
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery, God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!



Join us for Coffee Hour!

At 10 a.m. before worship
(Pop-Up Lunch after worship today!)

Join us after Worship
For a Pop-Up Lunch!

A donation of \$5.00 for lunch is requested!

Everyone is Welcome!

Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!

If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!



Office Hours: are Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. till noon, or by appointment. For pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! We appreciate lots of help on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to do light cleaning, and get things ready for events and Sunday Worship! Coffee is on, and you are welcome to stop by, or stay awhile! *L'Arche is at Laidlaw Tuesday, the Rising Phoenix AA Group meets Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Al-Anon meets Thursday Mornings. Narcotics Anonymous group meets Thursdays at noon.*

This Week at Laidlaw

TODAY: PopUp Lunch after Church today! Join us downstairs for lunch and conversation and games in the gym, a donation of \$5 for lunch is appreciated, and a great help with the church budget! Let's celebrate together!

United Church Women Lunch! Monday, April 14, 2025, at noon! All women are welcome to come to lunch and see what our United Church Women are all about! Rev. Doug will make lunch!

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Also, L'Arche Day!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7 p.m. in the Lounge. First meeting of the 2025 council!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m. till noon! Join in the conversation, coffee, projects.

Workday at the Church—Thursday, April 17, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet, we'll get things ready for Good Friday and Sunday

Easter Services

Friday, April 18, 2025: **Good Friday Communion** 11 a.m.

Coffee Hour will follow!

Sunday, April 20, 2025: **HOT CROSS BUNS** and Coffee at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 20, 2025: **Easter Communion** at 11 a.m.

There will not be a coffee hour after service Easter Sunday!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Good Friday Communion, Friday, April 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. *"Imagining the Future"*

Join us for Good Friday at 11 a.m., Coffee Hour upstairs before and after the service. Join us in person or by livestream!

Good Friday Service will be Livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/mMFfgS9pVw4?feature=share>

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—EASTER CELEBRATION, Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 11 a.m. *"Finding Our Resurrection"* Join us at 10 a.m. for Hot Cross Buns and Coffee! Join us in person or by livestream (sorry, we can't yet transmit coffee or hot cross buns!) **Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym! Invite a friend! No Coffee hour after Worship on Easter Sunday!** Easter will be livestreamed at: https://youtube.com/live/c_9MzZZq1zM?feature=share

Upcoming Events

MOVIE NIGHT-family friendly! Universal Pictures: DOG MAN! Friday, April 25, 2025, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Wii, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese, drinks—and POPCORN! —Fun for all! Bring the family!

Spring Garden Celebration with Green Venture at Laidlaw: Sunday April 27, 2025, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, Native Speakers will be featured, with activities for the children. Donations to replace plants for the Laidlaw Garden will be received! Go to https://www.greenventure.ca/spring_garden_celebration_at_laidlaw_church to RSVP!

Moms Play Music, Too Saturday, May 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at Laidlaw, Join Nicole Christian and Lara DeBeyer and friends for a concert of classical and contemporary music!

SEW Hungry at Laidlaw: Pulled Pork Sandwiches! Saturday, May 10, 2025, 10 a.m. till sellout! Come to the church to enjoy a meal of pulled pork and the fixings for \$12.00 per person! Stay around for the Community Marketplace!

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday May 10, 2025, Rent a table for \$40.00, bring and sell your stuff, buy other people's stuff, keep the money! If you would like a table, go to the 'Community' tab on the church website—*book your table soon!*

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, May 8, 2025, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments will be available at modest prices! A new venture for Laidlaw with Anya Wassenberg, for more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca...

BINGO! Saturday, May 17, 2025, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! NEW: Bigger Prizes! Under our new licence, we have implemented a price and prize change as follows: 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3.

Penny Sale—The next Penny Sale is Saturday May 31, 2025—Doors Open at Noon, draws begin at 2 p.m., there is a Bake Sale, Lunch is available at reasonable prices... There is a Penny Table, Half and Half Draw, and a Prize Raffle, and there is a children's table, every child attending will receive a prize! Penny Sales are a wonderful community event at Laidlaw, and help us meet expenses like insurance and utilities. Our UCW and other folks donate those prizes! We have three sales a year, Feb, May and September. It would be amazing to receive donated prizes from people who haven't donated before. It is always appreciated by the people organizing the Penny Sale, and the people buying tickets. There will be 75 Penny Prizes valued around \$20-\$25 each. There will be 25 raffle prizes valued at \$35 and up! Gift Cards are always a hit—please give donations of gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (that's a rule under our License from the City of Hamilton)! We will need baking for the bake table, your donations are appreciated! *We need lots of prizes! In the prize room now we have 20 penny prizes, and 10 raffle prizes! Your donations makes the difference!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Accessible Entrance: Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS? We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!

Donation Box for Wesley Centre! Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc, needed!

Book Corner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books—new additions regularly!

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need decaf and regular coffee, (we have lots of tea for now) and cookies! If you would like to help with Meat Pie Supplies including, flour and Tenderflake, would be amazing! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

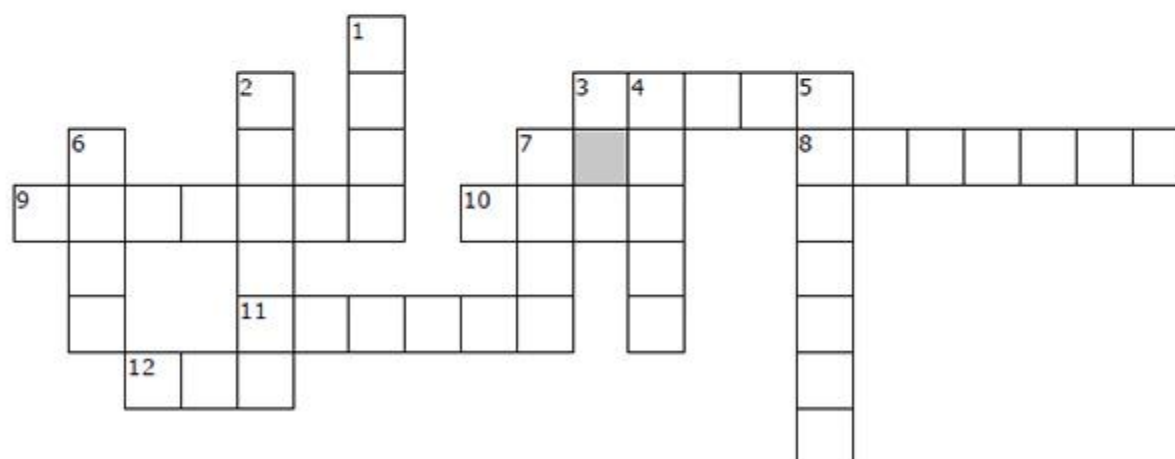
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BUDGET NEWS! At the End of the first 'quarter' of 2025, we are in need of 'catching' up with general expenses at Laidlaw. We have been privileged to receive grant money to make improvements, but that money is designated, and we need to also 'keep up with the day to day'. A little extra from everyone makes a big difference! Thank you to everyone who makes good on good intentions! *Donations to the general fund are a great help in April, and Easter Offerings are a great help!* Regular giving from those in person, and online, are critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge! **You can help us in several ways.** Participate and promote fundraising events at Laidlaw. Helping with donations for events is a great help. Encourage people to come with you to Bingo, Penny Sales, Movie Nights, Concerts, and Sunday Worship. Consider increasing or starting a regular monthly gift for the General Fund at Laidlaw by PAR (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536). Inflation has affected us all, and our church too. Please consider an increase in your offerings and/or your monthly PAR donation. *We deeply appreciate when those who are gathering with us online also make a donation to help keep the Laidlaw Beacon shining!* Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would like Envelopes and don't have a set, call the Church Office at 905 544 6536. Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted immediately, by Canada Helps.

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program of \$7,500.00 has facilitated installation of Cameras all around the church, and some additional funds beyond the cost of cameras will be used to secure windows and doors. The new cameras are now up and running. If you would like to have access to the cameras on your phone, speak to Rev. Doug. A Grant of \$28,000.00 from the Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the 'Upper Room at Laidlaw' This will be a rehearsal and performance space, a lesson space, a tiny desk studio and podcast studio, facilitating local space for music and theatre and lessons, as well as digital recording and podcasting. The windows are now replaced, and electrical work is complete, first podcast recording session was this week! We are grateful for these grants, and the opportunity to continue to make Laidlaw a useful and safe place for our church and community!

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING

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