



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th Year—1912-2026

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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

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

“Blessed Doubt”

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

Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/ZnVEm2aBpMk>

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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!



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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!*

At the Keyboards today: *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.*

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call

Call to Worship

📖 Acts 2, John 20

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

The Lord is always with us—we will not be shaken! Let our hearts be glad; let us live in hope and faith!

God has raised Jesus up in love—we are witnesses! We, also, will be raised! Blessed are those who come to believe!

Hymn of Praise

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Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending, see the Lamb for sinners slain! Thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall then behold you, robed in awesome majesty; all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you, pierced, and nailed you to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.
3. Now redemption, long expected see in solemn pomp appear; all the saints, by us rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!
4. Yea! Amen! Let all adore you, high on your eternal throne; crowns and empires fall before you, claim the kingdom for your own: O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Everlasting Christ, come down.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Merciful God, in raising Jesus Christ from death to life, you give us hope to share in resurrection that gives us a new birth into a living hope that saves us!

We seek your presence in this season of renewal. Make our hearts glad; and put joy on our tongues, give us peace.

Give us hope that renews our bodies and our spirits. In coming to believe, show us what we can do that will save.

Loving God: show us the path that restores our lives! Through Jesus, let us find joy in the new life unfolding for us all! By the power of your Spirit, give us peace we can share, Amen.

Anthem

What a Friend!

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 John 20:21

Peace is for Sharing

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 89 in *Joyful Noise*



I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Words and Music: George W. Cooke

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart, I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
2. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus...
3. I've got the peace that passes understanding...
4. I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer Down deep in the depths of my heart...

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The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

📖 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (New Testament, page 119)

This is the witness of the Church. Thanks be to God!

Psalms Response


Tune: Dismissal 878787 moderate

📖 Psalm 16


1. Protect me O my God, my refuge! I say to God, "You are my Lord! I have no good apart from you, God! Your Holy Ones are my delight!" Those who chose false gods bring more sorrows, I will not even speak their names!
2. The LORD my God is all that I claim. It is my God who holds my fate! My lot in life is good and pleasant, I bless the LORD, my conscience' guide! I'm mindful of my LORD beside me, with God beside me I'll not shake!
3. Therefore my heart is glad with soul joy, my body also rests secure! You will not give me up to Sheol, your faithful one won't be destroyed! You show the path of life, with full joy, eternal pleasures are with you!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Peter 1:3-9* (New Testament, page 232)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 20:19-31* (New Testament, page 114)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Blessed Doubt

Gospel Hymn

no. 112 in *Hymns for the Family of God*

God Gives us More Grace

Words: Annie Johnson Flint 1866-1932 Music: Hubert Mitchell 1941

1. **God gives us more grace when the burdens grow greater; God sends us more strength when the labours increase.
To added affliction God adds increased mercy; To multiplied trials, God multiplies peace.**

Refrain: **God's love has no limit; God's grace has no measure. God's pow'r has no boundary we comprehend.
For out of God's infinite riches in Jesus, God giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!**

2. **When we have exhausted our store of endurance, when our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources. Our God's gen'rous giving is only begun.**

Adapted for inclusion by Rev. Doug Moore.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

I'm On My Way

Words and Music: Craig Reid and Charles Reid

Doxology

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1. **Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.**
2. **Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Dedication Prayer

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**
3. **We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
4. **This glorious hope revives our courage on the way; that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

88 (*More Voices*)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: **Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!**

**Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...
Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...
Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...**

There must be a God somewhere! Refrain

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 And Also:
After Worship Coffee and Games in the Gym!
Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!

Everyone is Welcome!

*Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!
If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!*



Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Regular Office Hours for Rev. Doug will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug is 'on call', so, if there is a need for pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! Coffee is on during office hours; you are always welcome to come by! We appreciate lots of help! Rev. Doug, now officially 'half time' will now consider Mondays and Fridays a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

TODAY! BERTHA WOOD is turning 90! Sunday, April 12, 2026, 2-4 p.m., a drop in party at Meadowlands Retirement Community, in the main floor Craft Kitchen Room, 1248 Mohawk Road, Ancaster. Best wishes only, please! A group from Laidlaw will be going to the party after worship! If you can't come, a greeting sent to berthamwood36@gmail.com would be a welcome substitute!

Office Hours! Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Movie TBA! Friday, April 17, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts 6:30 p.m. Wii, food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring your family!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER, Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Blessed Doubt" Steve McRae is at the keyboards. Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday. Join us for Coffee Hour before worship at 10 a.m., and after worship, with games in the gym! **Livestream at** <https://youtube.com/live/ZnVEm2aBpMk>

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stew Hamilton Room. Welcome to the new members of Council!

Upcoming Events

Wendy and Peter would be delighted if you and your significant other are able to attend a Belated 90th Birthday celebration for Peter on Sunday, April 26th 2026 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa St. North (at the corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets) Parking: South of the church, plus overflow parking at L.G. Wallace Funeral Home, 151 Ottawa St. N., next door. For those with mobility issues there is a ramp on the south side of the church next to the parking area to gain entrance into the church at 2 p.m. the PETER BANTING Swingtet will perform. Refreshments will be served. Please, no cards, or gifts. Just bring best wishes, hugs and kisses. R.S.V.P. to wendysbanting@bell.net or peter.banting@sympatico.ca or (905) 972-0077 before Thursday, April 16

The 'The Women of Laidlaw' will gather! Monday, April 27, 2026, at noon! All women of the church are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting if you like, conversations, working on helping with events at Laidlaw, and Rev. Doug will make lunch!

THE ACOUSTICS in Concert Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 till 9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling 519 732-2542, or \$15 at the door! See the details at www.theacoustics.ca

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, April 9, 2026, 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 available at modest prices! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday May 9, 2026, Rent a table for \$50.00, 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!** **The Ladies of Laidlaw will be serving meat pies, and there will be a half and half draw by Laidlaw at the event this year!** **Come out and enjoy SEW Hungry this year!** **See Carol if you would like to book a table for the sale!**

BINGO! Saturday, April 11, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **Bigger Prizes!** 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

PENNY SALE—Thanks for all the help and donations for the February Penny Sale! The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday May 30, 2026—we will need prizes! *We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated!* Doors open at noon. Draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws! There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Raffle Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the Women of Laidlaw, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrique! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are at the back of the church today, please pick yours up! If you would like to have offering Envelopes for 2026, we are happy to provide you with a set—speak to Rev. Doug!

Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, **Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps**, go to laidlawchurch.ca and click the “Donation” button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make the donation without leaving the Laidlaw Website!*); or by Interac E-transfer, use the church email address, laidlawuc@bellnet.ca (we have set this up for auto deposit, no password needed)! Call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 if you would like to go on PAR, or have a set of offering envelopes. *Please note: Offerings through ‘Canada Helps’ are receipted separately by Canada Helps.*

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

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need regular coffee. We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you’d like to help with these fundraising efforts!

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children’s books, there are DVDs, they are \$1 each!

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

Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.! Rose McGowan is making ‘kindness kits’ for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!

BUDGET NEWS! We are truly blessed by the generosity of our members and friends, and the good people who attend events and fundraisers at Laidlaw. *Donations to the general fund are a great help*, from those in person, and online! 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). *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.

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program has been confirmed for this season! We will continue to improve the security at the church, including replacing the rest of the window coverings, as well as a new camera monitor in the church hall for those waiting for a ride! We are grateful for this help from the Ontario Government! **Presbytery Mission Council** is helping to create the ‘*Artword Studio at Laidlaw*’ *The studio is ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!*



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

BINGO

Saturday, January 17, 2026
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Saturday, May 16, 2026
Saturday, June 13, 2026

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.
Lunch and Refreshments Available
NEW, IMPROVED PRIZES!
\$10 for Ten 3up Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two 50/50 3up Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.
Cash Prize is half of game sheet sales.
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old.
Held under Ontario Lottery License



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theACOUSTICS
In Concert



Friday May 1st
7:00pm - 9:00pm
\$10 Advance (519-732-2542)
\$15 At the door
www.theacoustics.ca



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Sew HUNGRY

AT LAIDLAW CHURCH
Saturday, May 9, 2026
Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!

10:00 a.m. TILL SELL OUT!
MEAT PIG, GRAVY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW
WATER, POP, TEA OR COFFEE
\$15.00 PER PERSON

TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT!
JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE!
NEW THIS YEAR: HALF AND HALF DRAW!
Held Under Lottery License
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.
Money Won to Proceed to the Draw
PROCEEDS TO LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!



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Penny Sale Prize Raffle, Half & Half Raffle Bake Sale

Saturday,
May 30, 2026
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
(with the Children's table—a prize for every child)
Held under City of Hamilton Charitable Lottery License

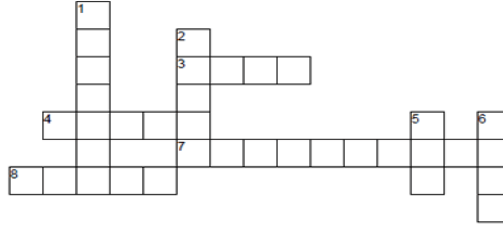
The Stone Was Rolled Away

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.
Matthew 28:2 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

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| STONE | MORNING | WEEK | EARTHQUAKE |
| RISEN | ANGEL | DAY | TOMB |

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Complete the activity below.

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

B H M W E E K A J E S U S E S
N T J O X D G N O L M L N A R
I S Z V K M T G O R H C L R I
B D O I T C A E R I S E N T S
X A M O L A L L R S R R T H E
A Y F O E A X P N L D T O Q N
O H N X B G Q X N I U N M U L
S E L O Y Z W S R O D S B A V
H A C N L S X L O D Z V F K A
O V H Z G I Y Q L J U U I E F
O E U E I W N U L D Q B R Y R
K N S V X Z B T E L J Q S O A
T M K J Z F M F D F Z I T N I
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TOMB
SHOOK
EARTHQUAKE

ANGEL
WEEK
ROLLED

RISEN
FIRST
JESUS

RISEN
DAWN
AFRAID

STONE
HEAVEN
DAY