



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 Third Sunday of Easter

“Heart Burn”

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

Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/fGFFCo-VT-Y>

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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!

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

 Luke 24, Psalm 116

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

It was a disaster; the Way we had hoped for was lost! We didn't see—he was no stranger—our hearts knew!

The Way is not lost—the one who loved us loves us still! Jesus is risen! God's steadfast love redeems us!

Hymn of Praise

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)

Words and Music: Daniel L. Schutte ©1981 New Dawn Music

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**
3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Living God, you give life; and show us love! Warm our hearts, show us that you walk with us, still.

Walk with us, so that we may see the possibilities in our lives, beyond loss, sorrow and pain. Give us patient hearts that seek the truth. Enlighten our minds, encourage our spirits, help us find the Way to live.

God, make yourself known to us! Show us your love joyfully revealed in the risen Jesus, who walks with us. By your Spirit, warm our hearts to believe your love. Amen.

Anthem

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Words and Music: Patsy Ford Simms

We Hear God's Word

Children and Youth may gather at the front, or by your screen!

 Luke 24:31

Youth and Scripture

Seeing Things...

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 649 in *Voices United*

Walk With Me

Words: John R. Rice 1988 Music: John R. Rice, arr. John Fluker

**Chorus: Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through!**


1. **When Moses heard the call of God he said "Lord don't send me!"
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free!"**
2. **Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the rock!**
3. **Young Mary Magdelene was sure her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door!**
4. **And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you!**

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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, 36-41 (New Testament, page 120)

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



Psalm Response

Tune: St. Catherine 888888 *moderately fast*

 *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

1. I love the LORD because God heard my cry! Because God's ear was bent to my prayers!
Therefore, I'll call on God all my life long! Though death and Hell lay hold upon me!

Chorus: O LORD, I pray, please save my life! What shall I give to God who saves?


2. I will remember each time God has saved! I'll call on God, and keep all my vows!

My joy in God I will let people see! Our God rewards a lifetime of faith!

3. I am your servant, LORD, your servant's child! You've loosed my bonds, to you I give thanks!
I'll bring an off'ring and pay all my vows! In your own house I'll praise you, my LORD!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Peter 1:17-23* (New Testament, page 232)

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Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 24:13-35* (New Testament, page 90)

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

Sermon

Heart Burn

Gospel Hymn

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Long and Winding Road

Words and Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

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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We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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

TODAY: Lara DeBeyer presents: Discover 'Alexander Technique' Sunday April 19, 2026, 2:30 p.m. at Laidlaw. Sign up at lara.debeyer@gmail.com cost is \$60.00 per person. Learn the joys of creativity!

Office Hours! Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, April 23, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER, Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Glad and Generous Hearts" 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/KD3_nc19Pm8

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.

Upcoming Events

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, May 7, 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 anymodel@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, May 16, 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!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Paramount Studios 'THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE' Friday, May 22, 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!
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 Rodrigue! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The Women of Laidlaw make meat pies and shepherd's pies. Ask about the next batch, and get yours! Meat Pies are \$7 each, Shepherd's Pies are \$8 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy Scaachi!

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 for Coffee Hour and weekdays!** 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!*

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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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A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

Sew HUNGRY

AT LAIDLAW CHURCH

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!

10:00 a.m. TILL SELL OUT!

MEAT PIE, GRAVY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW
WISTER, 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.

PROCEEDS TO LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!

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 3x5 Slip Tickets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two 50/50 3x5 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 parent or guardian
Held under Ontario Lottery License

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Movie Night at Laidlaw Church

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE
SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

Friday, May 22, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

Free Admission

POPCORN, HOTDOBBS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZAS AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!

AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw
Shown under Church Video License—its all legal!

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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's Charitable Lottery License

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
 Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R
 V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E
 Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U
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WALKED
 MOSES
 THANKS
 CLEOPAS

JESUS
 BREAD
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SUFFER
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 PROPHET
 VILLAGE

CRUCIFIED
 VISITOR
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