



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114<sup>th</sup> 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

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Laidlaw Memorial United Church

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Glad and Generous Hearts”

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

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 11:00 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!*



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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

📖 *First Peter 2, John 10, Acts 2*

*The Lord be with you! And also with you!*

*Come, let us gather with glad and generous hearts! We seek the shepherd and guardian of our souls!*

*Jesus came that we might have life abundantly! Let us devote ourselves to prayer, praise, and love!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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##### *Amazing Grace*

Words and Music: John Newton, stanza 5 John P. Rees

1. **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!**  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;**  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
3. **Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;**  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home!
4. **The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;**  
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures!
5. **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,**  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

#### Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, our Creator, you gave us life. Now, through the Risen Christ, we hear your voice in our ears, calling us to live generously, and with joy!

Call us by name. Show us the gate. Open the gate. Show us how to be free, even when we are bound. Lead us to still water and green pasture. Help us live together with glad and generous hearts.

Be the guardian of our souls! Teach us to know Jesus' voice; and follow. By the power of your Spirit, free us to live with joy in peace, Amen.

#### Anthem

*Down by the Riverside/Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Words and Music: Traditional Arranger: Mary McDonald

#### **We Hear God's Word**

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

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 *First Peter 2:20b*

Getting into Good Trouble...

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 66 in *All God's Children Sing*

##### *This Little Light of Mine*

Traditional, Arrangement by Pamela Bye, copyright 1984

1. **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...**
2. **Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...**
3. **Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine...**
4. **Let it shine in Hamilton! I'm gonna let it shine...**
5. **See the light spreading 'round the world! See all the faces shine! (3x)**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

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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 2:42-47 (New Testament, page 120)*

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

#### Psalm Response

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##### 📖 *Psalm 23*


##### *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Words: Scottish Psalter 1650 Music: Crimmond 8686


1. **The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie**  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, even for his own Name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
  4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
  5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

### Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Peter 2:19-25* (New Testament, page 233)  
*This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!*

### Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 10:1-10* (New Testament, page 103)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

### Sermon

Glad and Generous Hearts

### Gospel Hymn

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*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

Words: Fanny Crosby 1868, Music: William Howard Doane 1870

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour, hear my humble cry; While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.  
*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry; While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*
2. Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.
3. Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee?

**We Respond to God's Word**

### Prayers of the People

### Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

### Offertory

*Count On Me*

Words and Music: Bruno Mars, Philip Lawrence and Ari Levine

### 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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*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Words: Tommy Dorsey, Music: George N. Allen, adapted by Tommy Dorsey

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry,  
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears, and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### 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:** Peter Banting's Belated 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Laidlaw Memorial United Church, the PETER BANTING Swingtet will perform. Refreshments will be served. Please, no cards, or gifts. Just bring best wishes, hugs and kisses.

**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!

**Office Hours!** Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

**Wednesday Office Hours!** Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

**Thursday Office hours!** Thursday, April 30, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

**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](http://www.theacoustics.ca)

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER,** Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Untroubled 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/pQ2m0gKj96I>

## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto: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—1 table left! *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!*

**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—**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!

**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! **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](http://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](mailto: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.* **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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7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$10 Advance (519-732-2542)  
\$15 At the door

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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!

MOST 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!  
Help Under Lottery License  
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.  
Proceeds to LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!

LAIDLAW MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
at the corner of Canmore 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 50p Sticks, \$20 Cash Prize per game.  
Two 50/50 3up Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.  
Cash Prizes 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, HOTDOGS, CHILI, INCHOS, 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  
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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 Shepherd's Voice

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)

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

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



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LEADS  
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ROBBER

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