



# 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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## Summer Sundays at Laidlaw

Air Conditioned and Prayer Conditioned

### The Third Sunday after Epiphany

“Ask for Help”

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

Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/wC5Sw9o2D3s>

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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](http://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

📖 Genesis 18, Matthew 9, Romans 5, Psalm 116

*The Lord be with you! And also with you!*  
*God talked, and Sarah listened, and Sarah laughed! Is anything too wonderful for God?*  
*Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few!" God proves God's love for us.*  
**In Christ we have peace with God. What shall we give to God, who saves?**

#### Hymn of Praise

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*To Abraham and Sarah*

1. To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear, 'Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair. You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word, that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'
2. From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race, dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace; and in their heart was written by God this saving word: 'that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'
3. We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid, can journey to the future secure and unafraid, rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word: 'that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'

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

God of joy and possibility; call us to a new life. Show a new way where nothing is impossible with you! Teach us to laugh and praise you. Tickle us with gracious possibilities. Make the impossible plausible because you will help us! Make us wise and renew our innocence. Visit our tent and encourage our faith. Send us out to share good news. Let our spirits find deep joy in believing your promise to heal and save, Amen!

#### Anthem

*In the Valley Flows a River*

Words: Douglas Nolan and Pamela Martin, Music: Douglas Nolan

#### We Hear God's Word

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

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 Genesis 18:4

Sarah Laughed!

#### 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 Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Genesis 18:1-15 (Old Testament, page 15)

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

#### Psalm Response

Tune: St. Catherine 88888

📖 Psalm 116:1-2, 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

📖 Romans 5:1-8 (New Testament, page 155)

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

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 9:35-10:16 (New Testament, page 9)*  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

### Ask For Help!

## Gospel Hymn

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### *Give To Us Laughter*

1. Give to us laughter, O Source of our life. Laughter can banish so much of our strife. Laughter and love give us wholeness and health. Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.
2. Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy; let us in laughing find Christian employ, joining with stars and with bright northern lights, laughing and praising and sharing delights.
3. Why do we worry that we will lose face? Why act like king for the whole human race? Often in family, and often with friend, laughing at pride causes anguish to end.
4. Even in sorrow and hours of grief, laughter with tears brings most healing relief. God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace, joys of your presence among us increase.

### **We Respond to God's Word**

## Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*You've Got a Friend*  
Words and Music: Carole King

## Doxology

57 in *Songs for a Gospel People*, vs. 1-2

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease To take and treasure most these three: love, joy and peace.
2. God shows me love is at the root of every gift sent from above, of every flower of every fruit, that God is love.

## Dedication Prayer

### **In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve**

## Closing Hymn

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### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

## Commissioning and Benediction

## Choral Response

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Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you, Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

## 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**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Doug will be in the office on Thursdays from now till the first week of September, 9 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Other times by chance or appointment! 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 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**

**Rev. Doug is in Toronto!** Tuesday, June 16, 2026, all day... to see Dr. Feld!

**Thursday Office hours!** Thursday, June 18, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and get the church ready for movie night on Friday. Rev. Doug will leave around 10 a.m. for a graveside funeral for Deborah Jackson.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Paramount Studios 'SMURFS'** Friday, June 19, 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!

**RECITAL:** Saturday, June 20, 2026, with Nicole Christian's students!

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FATHER'S DAY, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 11 a.m.**  
"Jehovah Jireh" 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/e425bb3FDK4>

### **Upcoming Events**

**'The Women of Laidlaw' will gather!** June 22, 2026, 12:00 p.m. at the Mandarin! All Women are welcome!

**RECITAL SEASON AT LAIDLAW: The Music Stand June 27!** You're welcome to listen in!

**POP UP LUNCH after worship, Sunday, June 28, 2026, at noon**—let's have lunch together in the spirit of Church Picnic!

**Welcome to Summer Break at Laidlaw!** In July and August, we will suspend Movie Nights, Bingo, and Open Mic nights. Everyone could use a break! Rev. Doug will be in the office Thursday mornings, and AA, Al Anon, and Narc Anon will continue to meet. We will concentrate this summer on being together for Worship Every Sunday in July and August at 11 a.m., with activities for the Children, and Watermelon after worship. Join us for Worship this summer at Laidlaw, prayer conditioned, and air conditioned!

**VON Hamilton: Community Support Services Overview Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Laidlaw Church!** Join us and learn more about homecare supports available in Hamilton! RSVP to Ashley [Zimmerman@von.ca](mailto:Zimmerman@von.ca) or call 905 523 1055 ext. 6261...

**Rhyme and Reason open mic** resumes September 10, 2026

**Bingo** resumes on September 12, 2026

**Movie Night** is scheduled for September 18, 2026

**PENNY SALE—Saturday September 26, 2026**—your donations are needed! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$20-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

**Events this fall:** Bingo October 17 and November 14; Thanksgiving Worship October 11; Alfie's Guitar Show, October 24; Candy Cane Bazaar November 7; **!NEW! Christmas Penny Sale**, November 28, Santa and Phineus on December 12, Pageant Rehearsal December 19, am, Pageant Sunday and Lunch December 20; Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24... in case you want to mark your calendar. We will not be holding Tinsel Town this year, or movie nights in October and November.

### **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 need flour, Tenderflake Lard for baking, 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 \$10 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy Scacchi!

**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!

Our Thanks to the family of **Ida Grace Victoria Berry** for a kind donation to Laidlaw Church in memory of Ida. Ida was a wonderful soul, who raised her four boys with discipline, pride and joy. She will be missed and remembered.

**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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at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

You are welcome to Join us for

## Summer Sundays

### At Laidlaw Church

We're open every Sunday for Worship  
In June, July and August—and online too!

 **Air Conditioned**  
and Prayer Conditioned 

Activities for Children every Sunday

Coffee Hour Before and After Worship  
Games in the Gym after Worship

 Join us for  
**Sundae Sunday July 19**  
Join us for   
**Christmas in August, August 23**



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## Movie Night at Laidlaw Church



**Friday, June 19, 2026**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.  
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

### Free Admission

POPCORN, HOTDOGS, 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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AT THE CORNER OF CANNON AND OTTAWA STREETS

# BINGO



**Saturday, September 12, 2026**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2026**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2026**

No Bingo in July, August or December 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



**VON Education:  
VON Hamilton  
Community Support  
Services Overview**

*Learn about VON's Community Support Services available in the Hamilton Area. This session will explore VON's Adult Day Program, Overnight Respite, In-home Respite, Caregiver Support, and Volunteer Services. Learn how to connect to each service. There will be ample time for Q&A!*

**Wednesday August 26**  
**1:30pm-2:30pm**  
**Laidlaw Church  
(155 Ottawa St N, Hamilton)**

Please contact  
Ashley to register  
[Ashley.Zimmerman@von.ca](mailto:Ashley.Zimmerman@von.ca)  
905-523-1055 x6261



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## Penny Sale, Prize Raffle, Half and Half Draw Bake Sale

**Saturday,  
September 26, 2026**  
**Ottawa Street Sale Day**

**Doors Open at 12 noon**  
**Draws begin at 2 p.m.**

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

**Come in Time for LUNCH!**



## God's Promises — No Laughing Matter

The Lord was gracious to Sarah, just as he had said he would be. He did for Sarah what he had promised to do. Sarah became pregnant. She had a son by Abraham when he was old. He was born at the exact time God had promised him. Genesis 21:1-2 (NIV)

Complete the activity.

*At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.*

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

GRACIOUS  
ABRAHAM  
PROMISED

ISAAC  
VISITORS  
LAUGHED

OLD  
BORN  
WIFE