



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

Summer Sundays at Laidlaw

Air Conditioned and Prayer Conditioned

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“Opting In”

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

Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/XeE6b3bGB34>

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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!

At the Keyboards Today: Shavini Fernando Pinto

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 24, Matthew 11, Psalm 72

The Lord be with you! And, also, with you!
'We played the flute, but you did not dance!' 'We wailed, but you did not mourn!'
Jesus says, 'Come to me, all of you, and find rest.'
Let's agree together; Let's praise God; Who does wondrous things!

Praise Hymn

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace! *repeat*

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you created us, and everything we see. You watch over us. You provide blessing and rest to everyone. Give us grace to do the good that is in our hearts to do. Teach us to deal loyally and truly with each other. Let steadfast love be our labour and our rest.
You do wondrous things, God. In Jesus, grace and truth are revealed in wise deeds. Let your Spirit guide us, and bless our way with wonders, Amen.

Anthem

Sing a Jubilant Song
Words and Music: Dave and Jean Perry

We Hear God's Word

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

📖 Matthew 11:25

God Says that Babies Know Stuff

Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying Young People Singing

no. 62 in *All God's Children Sing*

Jesus Came, A Child Like Me

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Richard D. Hall

1. **Jesus came, a child like me, so the face of God I'd see, God is not left far away, God is with us ev'ry day.**
Refrain: Live, Jesus, near us, Live Jesus with us, Live, Jesus, in us, come, Live in us today.
2. **Jesus came to show us all ways to answer our God's call—came to show us how to share, came to live with God's own care.**
3. **Jesus came God's work to do, came to live in me and you, came to turn the world around 'til God's peace and love is found.**
4. **Jesus came to show God's face, live God's love and be God's grace. God lives now in me, in you, God's at work in what we do.**



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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (Old Testament, page 20)
This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response


Tune: Stuttgart 8787 Moderate.

📖 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19


1. **O God, give the king your justice, let the king's son know what's right!
May he judge the people rightly, may the poor in justice thrive!**
2. **May the mountains make us wealthy; and the hills teach righteousness;
May the king defend a good cause, lifting up those who are poor!**
3. **May the king give to the needy, and put down oppressive schemes.
May his rule endure like sunshine; like the moon, a constant light.**
4. **May the king be like a new rain—like a show'r that brings new life!
In his days, let right ways flourish, and peace, 'til the moon is gone!**
5. **Blessed be the God of Israel, who alone does wond'rous things!
Blessed be God's name forever; Amen! Let God's glory shine!**

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 7:15-25a* (New Testament, page 157)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30* (New Testament, page 11)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Opting In

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

We Shall Overcome
Words and Music: African American Spiritual

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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Dedication Prayer

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

I Danced in the Morning

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth: At Bethlehem I had my birth.
*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on:
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, And they left me there on a cross to die:
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance, and I still go on:
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

Amen, Amen, Amen!

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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

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, July 2, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and do a bit of cleanup!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 5, 2026, at 11 a.m. "A Measure of Success" 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/XeE6b3bGB34>**

Upcoming Events

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 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 September 12, 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! Ask about the next batch, and get yours! Meat Pies are \$7 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!

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.**

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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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

**Summer Coffee Hour
With Watermelon**



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
905-523-1055 x6261

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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



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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!

SATURDAY OCT 24TH 11-3 2026



FOR MORE INFO: ALFIEZ1@YAHOO.COM

BOOTHS FOR RENT. GENERAL ADMISSION \$5



155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



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