



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 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

“A Measure of Success”

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

Sunday, July 5, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/ZmLM3Z1n1XU>

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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!

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 25, Matthew 13, Psalm 119

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

God's words are a lamp for our feet, a light to guide us. What is our true birthright; our true hunger?

Jesus says, 'Listen to the parable of the sower of seeds.' Let us plant the seeds, trusting God for joy and harvest!

Praise Hymn

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the One who filled the earth with food; who formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good. O God, your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!
3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you are our gardener, you create the possibility of a good harvest. You give us grace and hope.

Give us grace to listen, understand, and grow. Point us to the possibilities open to us when we set aside hostility; when we embrace the diversity of your creation. Grant us peace and produce.

Turn our hearts to follow your ways, God. In Jesus, give us courage not just to hear, but to understand. By the power of your Spirit, show us true life, great purpose, and full joy, Amen.

Anthem

We Need You, Lord

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig; Music: Don Besig

We Hear God's Word

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

📖 Psalm 119:103

Words that Shine

Youth and Scripture

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

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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 25:19-34 (Old Testament, page 21)

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

Psalm Response


Tune: All The Way 8787D Moderate.

📖 Psalm 119:105-112


1. Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light that guides my path. I have sworn an oath, confirmed it, I will do what you command. I am troubled and afflicted; give me life, LORD, by your Word.
Let my praises be my offering, teach me all your holy laws.
2. I'm in danger almost always; still I don't forget your laws. Though the wicked would ensnare me, still I hold fast to your ways. Your Word is my ancient treasure; it brings joy deep in my heart.
Turn my heart to follow your laws, now; forever; to the end!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 8:1-11* (New Testament, page 157)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-39* (New Testament, page 13)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

A Measure of Success

Gospel Hymn

As Comes the Breath of Spring

1. As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song, so does your Spirit bring new days brave, free, and strong. You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's breath, to hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death.
2. You come like dawning day with flaming truth and love, to chase all glooms away, to brace our wills to prove how wise, how good to choose the truth and its brave fight, to prize it, win or lose, and live on your delight.
3. You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy, till we, in Christ newborn, new strength in praise employ. You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair, through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.
4. You breathe and there is health; you move and there is power; you whisper, there is wealth of love, your richest dower. Your presence is to us like summer in the soul; your joy shines forth and then life blossoms to its goal.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Bringing In the Sheaves
Words: Knowles Shaw Music: George A. Mince

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.

Dedication Prayer

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air

1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.'
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
5. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world
6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay, live tomorrow's life today.
7. There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

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Join us for Coffee Hour!

At 10 a.m. before worship And Also:
After Worship Coffee, Watermelon, 9Games 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 9, 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 11 a.m. "A Grain of Hope" Shavini Fernando Pinto 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, watermelon and games in the gym!
Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/5G00e-pOB9M>

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 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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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
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



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
AT THE CORNER OF CANNON AND OTTAWA STREETS



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!

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The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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P L H M S E E D I H A R U R G
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