



# 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 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

“A Grain of Hope”

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

Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/5GOOe-pOB9M>

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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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at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://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 28, Matthew 13

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

*We see a ladder on the earth, reaching up to heaven! Such dreams come to us when our pillow is a stone!  
Jesus says, 'the wheat will grow among the weeds!' God will help us! In the end, what is good will prevail!*

#### Praise Hymn

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*Come, Let Us Sing*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things. Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

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

Creator God, you make the darkness light, you bridge the chasm between heaven and earth!

Search us; know our thoughts. Guide us to dreams that heal, and sustainable ways that bring abundant and everlasting life. Let your creation be our teacher and our helper.

God, revive our spirits by your grace and love. In following Jesus, fill us with hope for the future. As your Spirit lifts us, make us shine! Amen!

#### Anthem

*My Lord*

Words and Music: Joyce Elaine Eilers

#### We Hear God's Word

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

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 Genesis 28:10-19

#### Gateway to Heaven

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 136 in *Joyful Noise*

*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

Traditional: African American Spiritual

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder (3x) children of God, all.
2. Every rung goes higher, higher (3x) children of God, all.
3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus? (3x) children of God, all.
4. If you love him, why not serve him? (3x) children of God, all.



#### 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 28:10-19 (Old Testament, page 25)

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

#### Psalm Response


Tune: All The Way 8787D Moderate.

📖 139:1-12, 23-24


1. You, O LORD, have searched and known me, you know when I sit and stand! You discern my thoughts far from me, search my path, and know my rest. You are well aware of my ways; know my words before I speak! You, O LORD, know me completely, hem me in; lay hands on me!
2. All this knowledge is too much, LORD, it is high, beyond my grasp! Yet your Spirit always persists, I can't hide or flee from you! If I climb to highest heaven, or descend to depths of hell; Even if I fly beyond seas, there you are, your hand holds me!
3. Darkness has no power to take me, for the night is bright as day! Deepest darkness cannot hide me, to you, darkness is as light! Search my heart, O God, and know me, know my thoughts, and test me out; If in me a wicked way lurks, show me everlasting ways!

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

## Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 8:12-25* (New Testament, page 158)  
*This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!*

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43* (New Testament, page 14)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

### A Grain of Hope

## Gospel Hymn

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*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1. **There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.**
2. **There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings have such gracious judgement given.**
3. **There is plentiful redemption in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.**
4. **Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?**
5. **For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

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

## The Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*For What It's Worth*  
Words and Music: *Stephen Stills*

## Doxology

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**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

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*Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song*

1. **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey, I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**
2. **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
3. **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears,  
for you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
4. **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey, but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side;  
and with all of my brothers you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

## Commissioning and Benediction

## Choral Response

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**Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## 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, 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 16, 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! There will be a movie crew in the building, setting up for a movie shoot on Friday. Parking will be taken up with crew and setup vehicles!

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 11 a.m.** "Hidden Treasure" Nicole Christian will be at the Keyboards this Sunday! 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/-YOUia9opX8>

## 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](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 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](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!



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!



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



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

**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**

4TH ANNUAL  
HAMILTON  
PLAYERS GRADE

**GUITAR SHOW  
& SWAP MEET**

FOR MORE INFO: ALFIEZ1@YAHOO.COM  
BOOTHS FOR RENT. GENERAL ADMISSION \$5

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# Stairway to Heaven

"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Genesis 28:13b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 28:10-19



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

GIVE	ANGELS	DREAM	STAIRWAY	LORD
STONE	LAND	EARTH	HEAVEN	HEAD
SLEEP	HOUSE	JACOB	AWOKE	GATE