



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 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

“Hidden Treasure”

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

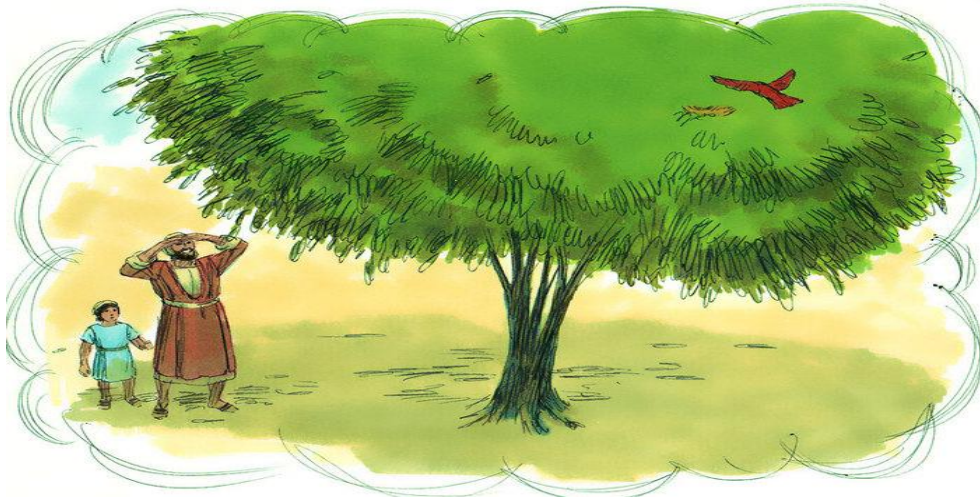
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Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!



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!

Offertory Special Guest : Nicole Christian

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

Matthew 13, Romans 8, Psalm 105

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

God's Kingdom is like a treasure, hidden in a field. Nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from God!

Do we understand? Do we share our treasures, new and old? Let us call on God, ask God to help us, and seek joy!

Praise Hymn

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I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *refrain*

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *refrain*

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you are good! You keep your promise, you show us blessing, you call us to labours of love.

For the sake of love and joy, make us willing to work seven years, and then work seven more years. Show us the treasures hidden for us in the fields, and the seeds that grow and thrive. Help us understand.

God, you care for us—nothing can separate us from your love! Through Jesus, show us the good you are doing among us, and show us how we can help. Let your Spirit lift us with sighs too deep for words, Amen.

Anthem

Blessed Assurance

Words: Fanny J. Crosby Music: Phoebe P. Knapp Arranger: Joel Raney

We Hear God's Word

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

Matthew 13:31-32

Youth and Scripture

Tiny Seeds that Grow Big

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 225 in *Voices United*



We Praise You for the Sun

Words: Alice Muriel Pullen 1939 Music: Gifford Jerome Mitchell 1969 © 1983 Doris M. Gill

1. We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun,

That gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for the sun!

2. We praise you for the rain, the softy falling rain,

That gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for the rain!

3. We praise you for your love, your patient, endless love,

that gives us healing, strength and joy; we praise you for your love!

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 29:15-28 (Old Testament, page 26)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: Toplady 777777 Moderate.

105:1-11, 45b

1. O give thanks unto the LORD, let us call upon God's name! Making known God's deeds of pow'r, to all peoples near and far! Sing to God, give praise with songs; tell of all God's wondrous deeds!

2. Glory in God's holy name, those who seek the LORD, rejoice! Always seek God's strength and grace, call to mind God's wondrous works! God remembered Abraham; God has kept the promise made!

3. God, the LORD, remembers all, though the generations pass. Abraham and Isaac were blessed by God; and Jacob too. Promised Land came to their kin, Praise the LORD, obey God's laws!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

Romans 8:26-39 (New Testament, page 156)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (New Testament, page 14)*
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hidden Treasure

Gospel Hymn

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One More Step Along the World I Go

Words: Sidney Carter 1971 Music: Southcote

1. One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you!
- Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me travelling along with You.
2. Round the corner of the world I go. More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.
3. As I travel through the bad and good Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.
4. Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with You.
5. You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with You.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Nicole Christian

We Shall Not Be Moved

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, Arranged by Mavis Staples

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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Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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 23, 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, set up for the Green Venture evening!

RAIN GARDEN TOUR & STEWARDSHIP with Green Venture at Laidlaw Church, Thursday, July 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m. till 5:45 p.m. Presentation on Rainwater Value and Uses, followed by a Tour of the Laidlaw Garden at 5:45 p.m., with some weeding along the way, food to follow the Tour! Join us!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Wrestle, Persist" Steve McRae will be 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/nmt0on-cvbM>

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

Beyond the Notes with Nadav Greehut Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 5 p.m. at Laidlaw. Free Admission, pay what you wish! Come enjoy a concert on the grand piano with Nadav, Classical masterpieces, original piano music, and the stories behind them! Laidlaw will serve refreshments!

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!

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.**

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!

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 



155 Ottawa St N
5:00-6:30 PM
July 23

Rain Garden Tour & Stewardship @ Laidlaw United Church

5:00-5:45 PM
Learn why rainwater is a valuable resource and how to utilize it. Presentation will be followed by a tour!

5:45-6:30 PM
Stick around and join the Urban Garden Club as we steward the site through weeding and other garden tasks!

RSVP on our Event Calendar! 



**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

BEYOND THE NOTES
NADAV GREENHUT
CLASSICAL MASTERPIECES, ORIGINAL PIANO MUSIC, AND THE STORIES BEHIND THEM.



September 19 2026, 5PM
LAIDLAW UNITED CHURCH
155 OTTAWA ST. N. HAMILTON
FREE ADMISSION * PAY WHAT YOU WISH



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 Licence



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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



**GUITAR SHOW
& SWAP MEET**

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


155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



Mustard Seed
Faith

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