



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 Nineth Sunday after Epiphany

“Wrestle. Persist.”

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

Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

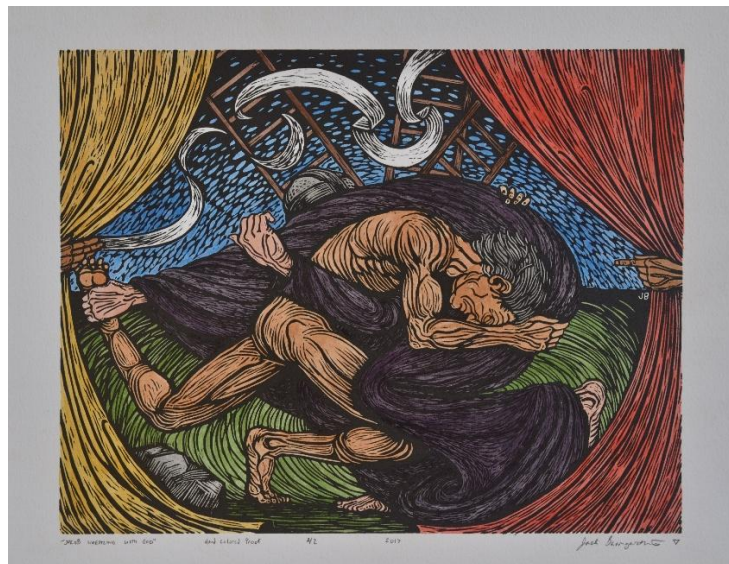
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

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!*

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 32, Matthew 14

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

Jacob wrestled with God; and sought a blessing! We have also come here, seeking God's blessing!

Jesus' disciples said, "We have nothing to feed them!" Jesus blessed the little they had; and it became plenty!

Hymn of Praise

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This Is the Day

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day, that our God has made.

2. Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates, O God; we will go in, we will go in, to your holy place, to your holy place. Open to us your gates, O God, we will go in to your holy place.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

3. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness. You are our God, we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faithfulness. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

4. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Generous God, you struggle with us until we seek your blessing. You give us what we need; teaching us generosity, and persistence that does not let go until there is a blessing.

Relieve our fears; and help us to share the loaves. When we desire complete healing, let us know our limp is a sign of your blessing. Help us continue the struggle.

God, wrestle with us until we are blessed. As we follow Jesus, show us the plenty you provide. By the power of your Holy Spirit, heal our spirits, even if we still limp, Amen!

Anthem

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual Arranger: Patsy Ford Simms

We Hear God's Word

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

Genesis 32:28

Youth and Scripture

Hold On till God Blesses You!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 61 in All God's Children Sing

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Words: Michael Perry Music: Hal Hopson

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty!
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

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 32:22-31 (Old Testament, page 30)

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

Psalm Response

Psalm 17:1-7,15

1. A just cause hear, O LORD, my God; attend and hear my cry!
Give ear to this, my purest prayer, give light and rescue me!

2. If you will try my heart by day, and test my soul by night,
No wickedness or curse you'll find, your word guides me to right!

Tune: St. Peter C.M. moderate



3. My steps have held fast to your paths, my slipping feet you've stayed,
I call on you! You answer me! You hear the words I've prayed!
4. The wonder of your steadfast love, O Saviour, show to me!
I shall behold God's righteousness, when I awake with you!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 9:1-5 (New Testament, page 159)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 14:13-21 (New Testament, page 16)*

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Wrestle. Persist.

Gospel Hymn

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Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy
nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries
no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labour. *refrain*

3. You need my hands, full of caring through my labours
to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. *refrain*

4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls
who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. *refrain*

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

We Shall Overcome

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

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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We Are Pilgrims

1. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
2. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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 30, 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Walking with Jesus...on the Water” Olivia Brown 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 Phineas 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!

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
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

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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 Zip Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two 50/50 Zip 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

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

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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

 **HAMILTON**
PLAYERS GRADE

GUITAR SHOW
& SWAP MEET

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

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155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**

Penny Sale
Prize Raffle,
Half & Half Raffle
Bake Sale

Saturday,
November 28, 2026
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

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

Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
The Children's Table Ensures a Prize for every Child!
Held under City of Hamilton Charitable Lottery License

Jacob Wrestles with God

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. Genesis 32:24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 32:22-31



L S T R E A M C U N N R H T G
V E N S X K D L V T A W W I I
Z G E E W J S M I S M R Z K I
D J R R O S F O S M E L L O G
A V V V H I P E N W P G E E C
Y T H A D W L Q J S A I O S F
B L M N L B I U T V D L N X Z
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NIGHT	HIP	FACE	LIMPING	STREAM
WRESTLE	BLESS	JACOB	STRUGGLE	WIVES
SONS	LIFE	DAYBREAK	SERVANTS	NAME