



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 Eleventh Sunday after Epiphany

“Courage to Imagine”

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

Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/JQdODigcuX0>

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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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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

 Psalm 124, Exodus 1, Romans 12, Matthew 16

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

God made heaven and earth—God will help us! We are free to do what is right—no one can stop us!

We are not perfect, but we can do good things! Jesus, who saves, would give us the keys to the Kingdom!

Hymn of Praise

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Sing a Happy Hallelujah

1. Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style,

we're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain: Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone! Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

2. We're the proof of God's good humour, we're the twinkle in God's eye,

made to shine, reflect the glory, given light and space to fly. *Refrain:*

3. Sarah laughed at God's good timing, Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children, so is life for us enhanced. *Refrain:*

4. Every day sing hallelujah! We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people, God still takes us at our word! *Refrain:*

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Saving God, you break snares that bind us, setting us free. You transform us, teaching us to do good in this world.
Give us freedom, with the courage to welcome your transforming love and grace. Teach us the joy of doing what
is right and good, even when it is hard to do.

Loving God; pull us out of the basket! In Jesus, show us the new life you have set us free to live. By Your Spirit,
give us strength to embrace everything good and perfect, Amen.

Anthem

Hear Us, O Father

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!

Youth and Scripture

 Exodus 2:3

Do as You're Told?

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 28 in *All God's Children Sing*

Serve the Lord

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!
2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, trust the Lord!
3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, thank the Lord!
4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, love the Lord!
5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!

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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

 Exodus 1:8-2:10 *(Old Testament, page 49)*

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

Psalm Response

 Psalm 124

Tune: St. Denio 11 11 11 11 moderate

1. If not for the LORD God who did take up our side! If not for the LORD God who did take up our side!

Our foes who attacked would have swallowed us whole; Their anger, then kindled, would have wiped us away!

2. If not for the LORD God who did take up our side! Bless with me our LORD God who has saved us from death!

We've flown like a bird from a snare that's been broke! Our help is in God's name, who made heaven and earth!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 Romans 12:1-8 *(New Testament, page 161)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 16:13-20* (New Testament, page 18)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

The Courage to Imagine

Gospel Hymn

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry,
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears, and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Fire and Rain

Words and Music: James Taylor

Doxology

541

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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Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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

RAMP UPDATE DAY (or Week?) Monday, August 10, 2026, 9 a.m. The Ontario Antihate Grant to Laidlaw has funded the rebuilding of the ramp deck and securing the area under the ramp. The lumber arrives on Monday from Home Depot, and we will begin to tear down and rebuilt the ramp with a new deck and railings, as well as a skirt to the ground. Volunteer help is welcomed, we'll see how many days it takes! The ramp will be out of service until we are able to complete the rebuild. The ramp has been in place since 2010, sixteen years ago, and was built originally to be temporary. Improvements over the years and much appreciated continued use, encourages us to make the structure permanent!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, August 13, 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Unexpected Mercy" 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/WDOoE4_3UKU

Upcoming Events

Welcome to Summer Break at Laidlaw! In August, we will suspend Movie Night, Bingo, and Open Mic night. 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!

PENNYSALE—Saturday September 26, 2026— It's closer than it feels! We truly appreciate donations coming in over the summer, so we can sort them for the September Penny Sale! Thanks! 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!*



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



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

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
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Laidlaw Memorial United Church
 A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
 at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

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

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 HAMILTON
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& SWAP MEET

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A Baby by the River

When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water." Exodus 2:3 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Exodus 2:1-10



Baby Moses

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

SON	DAUGHTER	MARRIED	WATER	MOSES
NILE	CHILD	BIRTH	CRYING	MAN
BASKET	BABY	WOMAN	MOTHER	NAMED