



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 Twelfth Sunday after Epiphany

“Unexpected Mercy”

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

Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/WDOoE4_3UKU

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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 45, Psalm 133, Matthew 15

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

All that happens to us—it works to God's good purpose! Beyond our fear and tears, God works to save us all!

Christ shows us where God has ordained a blessing! God shows mercy to all who call on God!

Hymn of Praise

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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.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, your steadfast love preserves our lives. The gifts you give—faith and mercy—bring healing among us!

You call us to let go of guilt and revenge, so that we may embrace your healing presence. You call us to see your mercy that is for all, not just for some.

God, let your love lift us up! In Jesus Christ, show us faith and hope that lead to mercy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us healing and grace, Amen!

Anthem

For As the Rain

Words and Music: Berta Poorman and Sonja Poorman

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Matthew 15:27

Learning to Be Fair

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 31 in *All God's Children Sing*

The I Don't Wanna Blues

Words and Music: Lesley J. Clare

1. I don't wanna wear my socks, don't wanna wear my shoes And it's all because I've got the I don't wanna blues.

Chorus: I don't wanna do this, got the I don't wanna blues. I don't wanna do that, but hear my good news. Daddy is baking me cookies. Mommy just gave me a hug. Even my puppy is wagging her tail, Jesus is giving me love!

2. I just pulled my puppy's tail, I spilled some milk on you. And it's all because I've got the I don't wanna blues.

3. I don't wanna go outside, don't wanna stay indoors. I don't wanna wear a smile. Maybe in a while.

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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 45:1-15 (Old Testament, page 42)

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

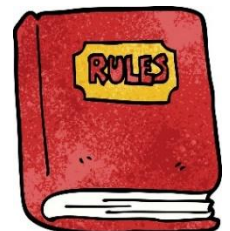
Psalm Response

📖 Psalm 133

1. It is very good and pleasant, when kin live in unity!
It's like precious oil that's running on the head and down the beard;
2. Running down the beard of Aaron, down the collar of his robes;
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on all Zion's hills.
3. When we all can live together and all dwell in unity,
There our LORD's ordained a blessing, life, and life forevermore!

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

Tune: STUTTGART 8787



Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (New Testament, page 160)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 15:10-28 (New Testament, page 17)*
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Unexpected Mercy

Gospel Hymn

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One More Step Along the World I Go

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

Father Along

Words and Music: William B. Stevens

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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Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
2. Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears,
our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. This glorious hope revives our courage by the way; that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.

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

The RAMP UPDATE BEE continues! Monday there is a funeral for Laurie Homer at Laidlaw, so we will take a 'day off'... Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 9 a.m. Much progress was made last week—it turns out this is a large undertaking, but when it's done it will be beautiful and stronger than ever! The Ontario Antihate Grant to Laidlaw has funded the rebuilding of the ramp deck and securing the area under the ramp with skirting to the ground. **Volunteer help is welcomed!** 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 20, 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.

Film Crew Lunch and Holding at Laidlaw Friday, August 21, 2025, most of the day—we are pretty sure!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Riding the Flood" 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/wWuwSt7ClqY>

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!

PENNY SALE—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: The report for the Ontario Anti-Hate Program will be sent off by August 31. This year, the \$7500.00 grant has provided for the upgrade to the camera system to allow monitoring in the sanctuary and church hall, upgraded the church internet security and network equipment, provided safety windows in the office doors, and helped rebuild and secure the access ramp. **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! Additional funds have now purchased a new attic stair system, completing the infrastructure updates, new electric, windows, repairing the ceiling, and now a safe and permanent set of attic stairs!



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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



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
ST 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

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



GUITAR SHOW
& SWAP MEET

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



155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

Joseph & His Brothers, Part 2

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?"
But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were
terrified at his presence. Genesis 45:3 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 32:22-31



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I D N L E Z N F Z E A G K O H
S A Z S I I E K O D B T J J V
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O W C J O S E P H B T P F E E

YEARS	FAMINE	LIVING	BENJAMIN	BROTHER
SON	FATHER	JOSEPH	EGYPT	ANGRY
KISSED	WEeping	LAND	EMBRACE	PHARAOH