



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 113th Year—1912-2025

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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

Christmas in August Communion

Carols, Candles and Communion

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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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

📖 Luke 2, Titus 3, Psalm 97

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

*They said they were bringing good news of great joy! They said there would be a sign—a child in a manger.
The goodness and loving kindness of God have appeared! There is light and joy for all who seek God's grace!*

Carol of Praise

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, light of light, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten, not created: *Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

4. See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you prepare a way. You are kind before we are kind. You give us all Good News of great joy!

Give us the courage of loving kindness. Give us the joy of faithfulness that seeks truth and light. Let us enjoy the fruit of our labours and the company of our neighbours.

Be our God who calls us "The redeemed of the Lord." Let the Christ Child be a sign of your love. By your Spirit, give us eternal hope and unending joy, Amen.

We Celebrate Communion

Invitation to Communion

Communion Anthem

Who Is This Tiny Child

Words and Music: Jay Castelli Arranger: Jay Althouse

Greeting

The Lord be with you! And also with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

*We praise you, God, for your loving kindness in creating the lights in the heavens, the mountains, forests and seas,
that your redeemed people might see your justice, seek healing, and find provision.*

*We thank you, God, for sending the Christ Child among us as the sign of your love. Let good news of great joy
reach deep within us, that we may hear the angels singing, and find the courage to go and see what is taking
place. ה'שִׁיעָה נָא Save us, we pray!*

*We share this gift of bread and wine, remembering how Jesus came among us; needing to be loved and cared for;
needing to bring your justice and peace into this world; giving light and life to all who welcome him.*

*Pour out your Spirit on each and all, that we may be renewed and reborn and filled with hope that is eternal, with
loving kindness and mercy. Show us how to bring healing and peace. Μαράνα Θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!*

*Glory and honour belong to you, God! You guard faithful ones, rewarding us with joy. In Jesus Christ your loving
kindness is revealed. Your Holy Spirit renews and redeems our lives! Halleluiah, Amen.*

Communion will be served to you in the pews.

Please wait for all to be served, we will partake together.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

We Hear God's Word

Young People may gather at the front...

Youth and Scripture

Being Born More than Once!

Young People Praying

📖 Titus 3:5



Star Child


Words and Music: Shirley Erena Murray © 1991

1. Star Child, earth Child, go between of God, Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
Refrain: This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, Hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
3. Grown child, old child, memory full of years, Sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more, Wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
5. Hope for peace child, God's stupendous sign, Down to earth child, Star of stars that shine,

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Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday School (it's air conditioned!)
There are colouring pages in the Quiet Room, and in the Bulletin, if you print it out!


Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

 *Isaiah 62:8-12* (Old Testament, page 693)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7676D

 *Psalm 97*

1. The LORD is King, rejoice, earth! Let coastlands all be glad! The clouds and darkness 'round God
hide right and just, God's throne! The fire from God consumes all vice, God's lightnings
light the whole world! The earth sees God and trembles, the mountains melt like wax!
2. The heavens tell God's justice, the peoples see God's light! The worshipers of idols are shamed
by worthless pride. All gods bow down before the LORD, when Zion hears, there's gladness!
Your judgements lift, O LORD God, you rise above all gods!
3. The LORD loves those who hate wrong. God guards God's faithful ones. God rescues them from evil,
and gives the light of truth. There's light for those who do the right, and joy for those of true heart.
Rejoice in God, you righteous, and give thanks to God's name!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Titus 3:4-7* (New Testament, page 215)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 2:8-20* (New Testament, page 58)

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

Sermon

Good News of Great Joy, for All People!

Gospel Hymn

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The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Words and Music: West Indian Carol, 1945 Arranger: John Barnard 1982

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy, (repeat 3x) and they say that his name is Jesus.
*Refrain: He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom. Oh, yes! believer!
Oh, yes! believer! He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom.*
2. The angels sang when the baby was born, (repeat 3x) and they say that his name is Jesus...*refrain*
3. The shepherds came where the baby was born, (repeat 3x) and they say that his name is Jesus...*refrain*

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Hurry to Bethlehem

Words and Music: Lloyd Larsen

Doxology

55 (vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him—give him my heart.

Dedication Prayer

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Words: Joseph Mohr 1792-1848 Music: Franz Xavier Gruber 1787-1863
With Myke Hutchings on Guitar and Vocals

1. Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!
2. Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight: glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ, the Saviour, is born; Christ the Saviour is Born!
3. Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth; Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

Benediction and Commissioning

Choral Response

88 (More Voices)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!

Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...

Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...

Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...

There must be a God somewhere! Refrain

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 after Worship
Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!

POPU LUNCH TODAY!

Everyone is Welcome!

Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!
If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug is on Holiday Schedule! One more week! Church Office Hours will be Thursday from 8:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Other days will be by chance or appointment! For pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! We appreciate lots of help on Thursday during the summer to do light cleaning and get things ready for events and Sunday Worship! Coffee is on, and you are welcome to stop by, or stay awhile!

The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET gave an amazing concert in June, a Balanced Budget Fundraising event for Laidlaw. If you were not able to join us, the evening's music was recorded and is available at Laidlaw Live on YouTube. Search 'Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet' on the Laidlaw Live Chanel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPyq08QqE98> Mark your calendar! The Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet will return Sunday December 7 at 1:30 p.m. for their Annual Christmas Concert at Laidlaw!

Would you like to listen to a PODCAST with a Laidlaw Twist? Sean Patrick Sullivan has begun a podcast, and Thursdays Sean 'goes to church' at Laidlaw, with an interview with Rev. Doug Moore. You can catch this week's podcast or catch up with earlier episodes on YouTube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@veryeditorial> Please like and subscribe!

This Week at Laidlaw

Summer Office Hours and Summer Sundays at Laidlaw! One more week of Holiday mode, taking Monday to Wednesday off, in the Office Thursday and Friday if needed, and preaching every Sunday this summer. There will be worship at Laidlaw every Sunday in Air-Conditioned Comfort at 11 a.m. each Sunday, with activities for the children! Join us!

Workday at the Church—Thursday, August 28, 2025, 8:30 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will put away the Christmas Decorations!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 11 a.m. 'Honey From the Rock' Steve McRae is at the keyboards. There is Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. before Worship, and After Worship. Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym! Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/LYdZArmlwKU?feature=share>

Upcoming Events

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, September 4, 2025, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw!

Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments will be available at modest prices! A new venture for Laidlaw with Anya Wassenberg, for more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca...

BINGO! Saturday, September 6, 2025, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **NEW: Bigger Prizes!** Under our new licence, we have implemented a price and prize change as follows: 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3.

LAIDLAW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN Lunch and meeting, Monday, September 8, 2025, lunch at noon, meeting follows. Rev. Doug will make lunch—Pasta and Bolognese Sauce!

MOVIE NIGHT-family friendly! Disney's LILO AND STITCH 2025, Friday, September 12, 2025, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Wii, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese, drinks—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring a friend!

LAIDLAW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

Comedy Show in the new Studio Upstairs, Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8 p.m. This is a new venture organized by Alex Ross—details are coming soon!

PENNY SALE—Saturday September 27, 2025—we are collecting prizes for the September sale—if you have prizes, bring them, if we get more than we need, we'll keep them for the February sale, or the UCW Bazaar baskets, Thanks! ***We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated!*** Ottawa Street will be open to traffic this year! **Doors open at noon, draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws!** There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Mega Penny Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the UCW, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$20-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

GUITAR SHOW AND SALE: Player's Grade, organized by Alfie Smith, Saturday, October 25, 2025, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Laidlaw Church. Admission is \$5. Laidlaw will put on a lunch for the patrons, help and sandwiches are needed and welcomed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Accessible Entrance: Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS? *We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!*

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books—new additions regularly!

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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 automatic deposit—no password needed)! This is a great time to go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)! 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.***

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program of \$7,500.00 has facilitated installation of Cameras all around the church, and some additional funds beyond the cost of cameras will be used to replace the aging and now brittle plexiglass that protects the church's leaded glass windows. If you would like to have access to the cameras on your phone, speak to Rev. Doug. The Grant of \$28,000.00 from the Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the 'Artword Studio at Laidlaw'. Windows and electrical complete, repair of the ceiling is complete, painting has begun, with hopes of events in the space soon! Chairs have now been secured at a reasonable cost! Lots of progress!

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!

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need decaf and regular coffee, (we have lots of tea for now) and cookies! We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

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. The offerings of time, expertise, labour and treasure have us making amazing progress. In August, we are keeping up with day-to-day expenses, we will need to catch up a bit on dues and completing grant projects in September. We have been privileged to receive grant money to make improvements, but that money is designated for those projects. A little extra from everyone makes a big difference! Thank you to everyone who makes good on good intentions! *Donations to the general fund are a great help as we also enjoy a summer break!* Regular giving from those in person, and online, are critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! 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). Inflation has affected us all, and our church too. Please consider an increase in your offerings and/or your monthly PAR donation. *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. Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted immediately, by Canada Helps.

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



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SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY