



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 Thirteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Riding the Flood”

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/wWuwSt7ClqY>

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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!*

At the Keyboards today: *Olivia Brown*

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 6, Matthew 7

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

In a violent, corrupt time, God told Noah to build an ark! And Noah did all that God commanded!

Jesus is the Rock that saves us from the floods. Everyone who hears and acts on Jesus' words is wise!

Hymn of Praise

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Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God, you are our refuge and our help! Though the earth changes, you remain our hope and our help!

When noise and haste distract us, give us the stillness to feel your grace and presence. Teach us to build, wisely, on a good foundation that can bear the flood. Show us the saving grace of obeying your command.

God, be our God who saves us and shows us wisdom. In Jesus, show us a foundation that will keep us safe when the storms arrive. By the power of your Spirit lifting us, help us ride the floods, Amen.

Anthem

Deliver Me

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual Arranger: Mary Val Marsh

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Psalm 46:1

When Floods Come, God Helps!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 120 in *All the Best Songs for Kids*

Arky Arky

Words and Music: Traditional

1. The Lord told Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody." Lord told Noah, "There's gonnnna be a floody, floody." Get those animals out of the muddy, muddy, Children of the Lord.
Chorus: So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory. Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory. Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory, Children of the Lord.
2. The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky. Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky.
Build it out of gopher barky, barky, Children of the Lord.
3. The animals, the animals they in came in twosies, twosies. Animals, the animals they came in twosies, twosies—Elephants and kangaroosies, roosies, Children of the Lord.
4. It rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies. Rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies. Almost drove those animals crazy, crazy, Children of the Lord.
5. The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy. Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy. Everything was fine and dandy, dandy, Children of the Lord.

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 Bible

📖 Genesis 6:9-22, 8:14-19

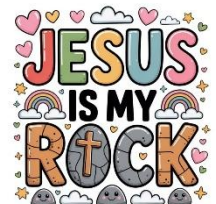
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response

Tune: Sweet By and By

📖 Psalm 46

1. God is our strength, and refuge, and help! We'll not fear though the earth, it should change; though the mountains and seas heave and shake; in such trouble our God's help will come!
Chorus: There is hope, there is help, our Great God will bring gladness and life! There is hope, there is help, when dawn breaks we will see our God's help!



2. All the nations are in an uproar, Kingdoms shake; the earth melts; God is heard.
God will help! Come; behold God's great deeds; Wars will cease, bows and spears will be gone!
3. "Stop the noise! Now be still; I'm your God! I will rule all the nations on earth!
I your haven and comfort will be; I'm your God, I'll be with you always!"

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-31*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 7:21-29*

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

Sermon

Riding the Flood

Gospel Hymn

Come to My Heart

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
come to my heart today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.
2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way. Fill me with Lord, Lord Jesus,
fill me with love today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus, answer my prayer today. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus,
Answer my prayer today. Give me the peace and love that only you can bring
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

For What It's Worth

Words and Music: Stephen Stills

Doxology

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

Let There Be Light

1. Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword, perish the angry judgment, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love, hallow the death of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name.
5. Your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language, your people speak together, your spirit never fade.
6. Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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! The ramp is now mostly complete and functional! Thanks to every wonderful volunteer to helped! It was more than we imagined at first, but the result is spectacular. The ramp is now permanent, all the structure reinforced, and a skirt all the way around to make it secure! The Ontario Antihate Grant to Laidlaw has funded, in the larger part the rebuilding of the ramp deck and securing the area under the ramp with skirting to the ground. We have now only the cleanup to do, and apply acrylic to the newly painted lower windows. We'll rent a U-Haul Tuesday Morning and haul away the junk! The ramp has been in place since 2010, sixteen years ago, and was built originally to be temporary. It is now in condition to be of service for decades to come!

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 homeware supports available in Hamilton! RSVP to Ashley Zimmerman@von.ca or call 905 523 1055 ext. 6261...

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, August 27, 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Burned But Not Burned Up” 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/t9OrKELsFHk>

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!

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 Greehuth 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!



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



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
FREE ADMISSION * PAY WHAT YOU WISH



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!



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Noah and the Ark

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.
Genesis 6:22 (NIV)

Based on Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 (NIV)



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BUILD	PEOPLE	ANIMAL	ARK	EARTH
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