



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 Fourteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Burned, But Not Burned Up”

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

Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/t9OrKELsFHK>

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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

📖 Psalm 105, Romans 12, Matthew 16

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Give thanks to God; let each and all call on God's name! Call to mind God's wondrous works; seek God's grace!

Jesus shows us peace and teaches the joy of genuine love! Christ will lead the way; grace and love will prevail!

Hymn of Praise

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Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1. Let us with a gladsome mind praise our God, forever kind;
2. whose great mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
2. God, with all-commanding might, filled the newmade world with light;
for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
3. God has with a gracious eye looked upon our misery;
for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
4. All things living God does feed, with full measure meets their need;
for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
5. Let us then with gladsome mind, praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

LORD God, you are who you are! You ask us to be who we are, do good things, and set your people free.

God, turn us from our fears; teach us heartfelt trust as you lead us to what is good. Help us forget excuses, and set aside evils, remembering all the good that is possible, and more desirable than gold!

God, show us our true life in Christ! Let your Holy Spirit within us be a sacred place where we learn genuine love that prevails in every circumstance, Amen!

Anthem

Lord, Here Am I

Words and Music: Jay Althouse

We Hear God's Word

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

📖 Romans 12:20

Youth and Scripture

Heap Fire on their Heads!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 60 in *All God's Children Sing*

I Prayed in the Tub

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

1. I sat in the tub till I looked like a prune. My mother told me to get out soon,
but I love to sit in the tub and think. I like to float and I like to sink!

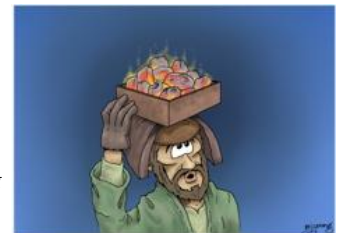
Chorus: I prayed to God from right there in the tub, to give this whole world a vigorous scrub,
to clean away what does not belong, to get busy now and fix what's wrong.

2. I thought about children that I did not know, who never play and who just don't grow.
They haven't food or a place on this earth, no one who knows just how much they're worth.

3. I wondered why God let them suffer like that, why all of their enemies aren't laid out flat,
and I thought that all things could be more fair if the rest of the world could just learn how to share.

4. and final chorus: And then I heard God's voice way down inside. The voice spoke to me and I almost died!
"The idea's right! I'll start with you. You'll be surprised at what caring can do!"

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The Lord's Prayer

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 3:1-15 (Old Testament, page 50)

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

Psalm

Tune: TOPLADY 777777

📖 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

1. O give thanks unto the LORD, let us call upon God's name! Make God's deeds known near and far!
Sing to God, give praise with songs! Tell of all God's wondrous deeds! Glory in God's holy name!

2. Those who seek the LORD, rejoice! Always seek God's strength and grace! Call to mind God's wondrous works!
All God's children, hear and know! All the ways God chose to save Israel in Egypt's land!
3. Jacob's kin were strangers there; by the LORD, they multiplied! They were stronger than their foes!
But their foes did hate and harm, God chose Moses and Aaron to bring freedom, Praise the Lord!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 12:9-21* (New Testament, page 162)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 16:21-28* (New Testament, page 18)

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

Sermon

Burned; But Not Burned Up

Gospel Hymn

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Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey, I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears,
for you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey, but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side;
and with all of my brothers you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Long and Winding Road

Words and Music: Paul McCartney and John Lennon

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

579

The Church is Wherever God's People

1. The church is wherever God's people are praising, singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus remember his story and walk in his way.
2. The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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

One More week of Summer Break!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, September 3, 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, September 6, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Time to Wake 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/g5SZImWer1M>

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, we will watch 'The Sheep Detectives'

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 has been completed, and the report made. 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!



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



Friday, September 18, 2026

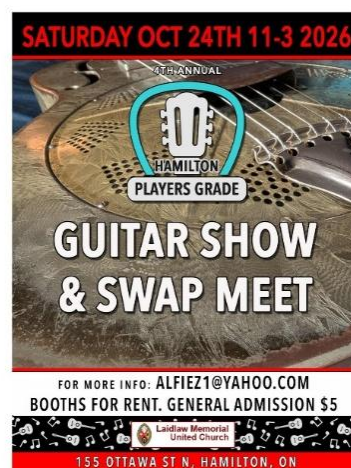
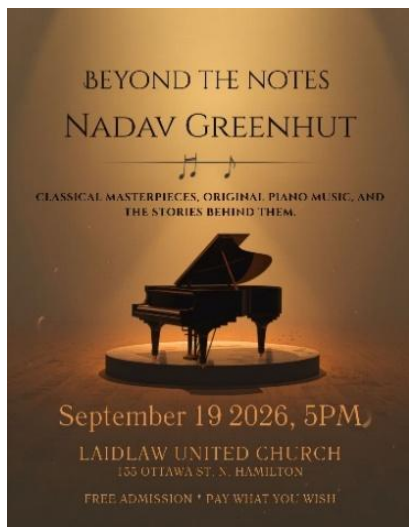
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.
 NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

Free Admission

POPCORN, HOTDOGS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZA AND DRINKS
 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!

AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)

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Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Exodus 3:1-15



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Z R I N U G L I L U Y A N K Y
A L U E R C L G O Y N O L D D
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LAND
FLOCK
GOD

MILK
LOOK
MOSES

STRANGE
HOLY
GROUND

FLOWING
BUSH
BURN

SANDALS
HONEY
SIGHT