



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 113<sup>th</sup> 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

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## The Thirteenth Sunday after Epiphany

**“Twelve Hundred and Fifty Kilometers per Hour”**

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

**Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.**

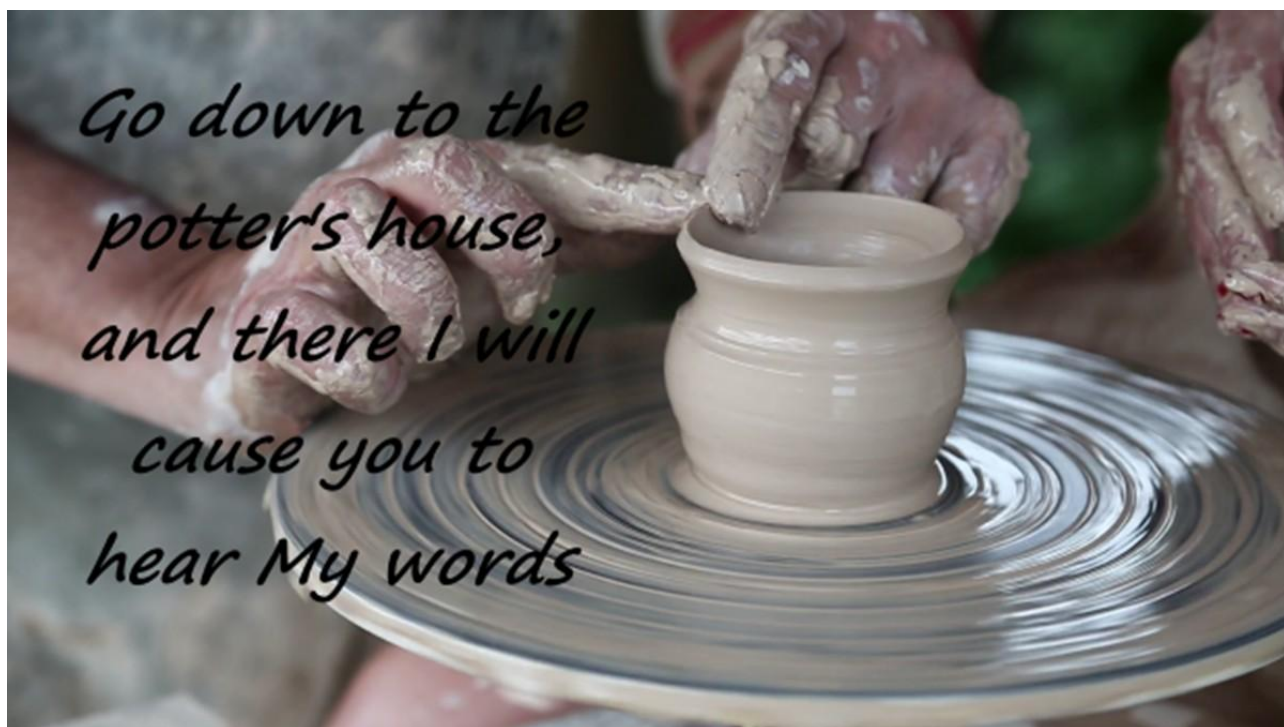
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**Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!**

**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](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca) Thank you for your support!**

*Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!*

*Guest Musician: Shavini Fernando Pinto*

*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 139, Jeremiah 18, Luke 14

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

*The world is spinning, and God's hand is on us! God knows us; and sees the possibility of wonders in us!*

*Let us find courage, count the cost, and obey God anyway! God knows us completely; God's hand guides us to joy!*

### Hymn of Praise

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*Let All Things Now Living*

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### Prayer of Approach (Unison)

LORD God, you seek and know us; you lay hands on us, keep us from evil, seeking to do us good!

Teach us to give thanks for the love and grace that make us your children. Refresh us; give us courage to count the cost of loving you and each other; and continue our labours.

Nothing, God, is hidden from you, yet you love us! In Jesus, help us see the joy in giving all we have and are. Let your Spirit be our joy and strength, Amen!

### Anthem

*We Need You, Lord*

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

### We Hear God's Word

### Youth and Scripture

Straighten Up!

📖 Jeremiah 18:11



### Young People Praying

### Young People Singing

no. 152 in Joyful Noise

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Words and Music: African-American spiritual

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime! (repeat)*

*...work... ..pray... ..sing...*

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### The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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

📖 Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Old Testament, page 720)

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

### Psalm Response

Tune: All The Way 8787D moderate

📖 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1. You, O LORD, have searched and known me, you know when I sit and stand! You discern my thoughts far from me, search my path, and know my rest. You are well aware of my ways; know my words before I speak! You, O LORD, know me completely, hem me in; lay hands on me!
2. All this knowledge is too much, LORD, it is high, beyond my grasp! It was you who formed my body, you who knit me in the womb. I will praise you for your work, LORD, I am wonderfully made!  
Wonderful are all your works, LORD, that I know so very well!
3. From you, LORD, nothing is hidden! You know secrets no one knows! In the earth's depths you weave wonders, intricate the forms you bring! You behold my unformed substance, you write days before they dawn! In your book you write all my days, each day you have made for me!

4. You had written all my days out, when my days did not exist! O how weighty are your thoughts,  
God! How vast is the sum of them! When I try to number all them, they are more than all the sands;  
When I fin'ly come to the end, I am still with you, my God!

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

## Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 *Philemon 1-21* (New Testament, page 215)

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

## Lesson from the Gospel

📖 *Luke 14:25-38* (New Testament, page 78)

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

## Sermon

Twelve Hundred and Fifty Kilometres per Hour

## Gospel Hymn

625

*I Feel the Winds of God Today*

1. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.
2. It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.
3. If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above;  
it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

**We Respond to God's Word**

## The Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*Here Comes the Sun*

*Words and Music: George Harrison*

## Doxology

57 in *Songs for a Gospel People*, vs. 1-2

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease To take and treasure most these three: love, joy and peace.
2. God shows me love is at the root of every gift sent from above, of every flower of every fruit, that God is love.

## Dedication Prayer

## Closing Hymn

579

*The Church is Wherever God's People are Praising*

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.

## Benediction and Commissioning

## Choral Response

964

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you, Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

*The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!*

## Postlude



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!

Everyone is Welcome!

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



**OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Doug will be in the Church Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Other days will be by chance or appointment! 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 to do light cleaning and get things ready for events and Sunday Worship!

**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! **The Free Swingtet Concert at Dundas Driving Park that was cancelled because of rain is rescheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025—bring a chair, sing along and dance! The hat will be passed to defray expenses for the use of the park!**

**Looking for Conversations about art, life, culture, society, history, and religion? Catch up with all of Rev. Moore's appearances on THE SPS TALKSHOW**—and while you're at it, please like, share, comment, and subscribe! The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/@VERYEDiTORiAL>

### **This Week at Laidlaw**

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

**Tuesday Office Hours**, Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on!

**Wednesday Gathering** Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects!

**Free Swingtet Concert at Dundas Driving Park** (rescheduled from August) **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**—bring a chair, sing along and dance! The hat will be passed to defray expenses for the use of the park!

**Workday at the Church**—Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —*coffee, labours, conversation, Join us!* Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will get ready for Movie Night on Friday!

**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!

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost WELCOME BACK COMMUNION**, Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 11 a.m. 'Joy is Found' 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!

Join the Worship Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/T8kO0jALiuE?feature=share>

### **Upcoming Events**

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

**UNITED COMEDY NIGHT** Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 7 p.m. upstairs in the new Artword Studio at Laidlaw. With Headliner **Renee Groux**. Guelph Comedy Festival, Hillside Festival, the 2022 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, A Comedy Community Event, featuring local comics and seasoned professionals. Renee promises to get silly (and probably gross!) and bring the laughs. <https://tixert.com/events/united-comedy-night-with-renee-groux-1756781639> Only \$14!!! Thanks to Alex Ross for getting this event together at Laidlaw! Rev. Doug will need some help to serve refreshments at the event!

**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 closed to traffic this year—we will use the back gate, accessed from Cannon Street, the parking lot will be available! 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! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrique! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$20-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

**Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers!** Thursday, October 2, 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](mailto:anyamodel@yahoo.ca)...

**BINGO!** Saturday, October 18, 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.

**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 is 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.

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

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

**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](http://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](mailto: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 this month! 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.

**Laidlaw Memorial United Church**  
37110 CORNER OF CANNON AND OTTAWA STREETS



**BINGO**

Saturday, May 17, 2025  
Saturday, June 14, 2025  
Saturday, July 12, 2025  
Saturday, August 9, 2025  
Saturday, September 6, 2025  
Saturday, October 18, 2025  
Saturday, November 15, 2025  
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

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**Movie Night at Laidlaw Church**

**Friday, September 12, 2025**  
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 G)**  
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw  
Shown under Church Video License—its all legal!

**UNITED COMEDY NIGHT**

Date: September 20  
Time: 7 PM  
Location: Laidlaw United Church  
155 Ottawa St. N. Hamilton L8H 3Z2

With The Hilarious  
**Renee Groux**  
Host  
Paul Marroquin  
And More...

\$14 Admission  
[tinyurl.com/UCOMEDYNIGHT](http://tinyurl.com/UCOMEDYNIGHT)



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**Penny Sale,  
Prize Raffle,  
Half and Half Draw  
Bake Sale**

**Saturday,  
September 27, 2025**  
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!**

# Crafting with the Creator

## Word Search

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Solve the puzzle with the word bank below. Puzzle based on Jeremiah 18:6

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

**WORKS   VESSEL   POTTER   WHEEL**  
**SHAPE   CLAY   HANDS   MARRED**