

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

The Fourteenth Sunday after Epiphany

"Joy is Found" Welcome Back Communion

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

Sunday, September 14, 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!



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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

☐ Jeremiah 4, Luke 15, Psalm 14

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

God calls us to be wise; to learn to do what's right and good! God never gives up on us; there is always hope! When even just one of us asks for God's help, there is joy! This day God has given us—we will rejoice and be glad! 341

Hymn of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down: thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown. 2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the troubled heart to sing.

- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 - Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. 4. All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; none can be nearer, fairer or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Loving God, you fill this world with wisdom and grace. Deliver us, show mercy and grace to all!

Turn us from the things that destroy us, and your creation that sustains our lives. Persist with us until we turn from evil and learn to do everything that makes for good in us and all your creation.

Show us welcome, God, that we may welcome one another. In Jesus, lead us to love that brings joy. By the power of your Spirit, teach us to do what is right and good, Amen!

We Celebrate Communion

Invitation to Communion Communion Anthem

Come Share the Lord Words and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech Arranger: Roland Tabell

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! You created us, and you don't give up on us. You come to our house when we invite you, even if others say you should stay away. Your welcome changes everything.

We thank you, God, for sending Jesus, full of love, full of stories, willing to help us understand the world and each other, and seek joy and peace. Thank you for looking for us when we were not looking for you! Thank you asking us to celebrate with you. הושיעה בא Save us, we pray!

We share this gift of bread and wine, telling the stories Jesus told, remembering how Jesus loves and heals and teaches us, back then, and still today, with hope for tomorrow.

Pour out your Spirit on every one of us. Fill our hearts with love and hope, so that we might learn what is good and green and full of life. Show us healing and peace. Μαρανα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Glory and honour belong to you, God! Take joy in us as we take joy in you and each other! In following Jesus, lead us to all that is true and good. By your Spirit, renew and redeem our lives and the life of this world in strength, with joy. Hallelujah, 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

Youth and Scripture

Lost and Found

☐ Luke 15:9

Young People Praying

Tune: Dismissal 878787 moderate

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Shout For God!

Words: Watler Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

- 1. Shout for God! Make a Happy Sound! Clap for God! God is all around!
- 2. Hush for God! Let the quiet sing. Wait for God! Deepest feelings bring.
- 3. Sing for God! Sing a pleasant song! Work for God! Good replaces wrong!
- 4. Praise our God! Care for all God's friends! Love our God! God's love never ends!

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Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday School Bible Lessons
There are colouring pages in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

☐ Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (Old Testament, page 702)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response

Psalm 14

1. Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds a shame.

There is not one who does what is right, when God looks down from heav'n above.

God looks for wise ones who seek God's grace, there is not one, not even one!

2. Have they no knowledge, evil doers, who eat up people without fear?

Terror will find them when they realize, God is beside the ones abused!

Those who abuse the poor and needy will find the LORD protects the poor!

3. O that our God would now deliver all those in need who seek God's grace!

God looks for wise ones who seek God's grace, let us seek God's grace in this hour!

When God restores by grace our fortunes, we will rejoice, we will be glad!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

First Timothy 1:12-17 (New Testament, page 208)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

Luke 15:1-10 (New Testament, page 78)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Joy is Found

Gospel Hymn

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity Offertory

Come Together
Words and Music: The Beatles, Abbey Road, 1969

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

Closing Hymn 225

We Praise You for the Sun

1. We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for the sun.
2. We praise you for the rain, the softly falling rain, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for the rain.
3. We praise you for your love, your patient, endless love, that gives us healing, strength, and joy; we praise you for your love.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia to the Lord.

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!



HAPPY 99th Birthday to Audrey Redburn!

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!

<u>Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes and Coin Boxes are at the back today!</u> A thank offering for Laidlaw will help us balance our 2025 Budget! Thank you for your generosity!

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

This Week at Laidlaw

<u>TODAY: Baptism Class/Bible Study:</u> today at 1 p.m. in the upstairs lounge! All ages welcomed, bring your questions! If you would like to prepare to be baptized or join the church, join us and get started!

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on!

<u>LAIDLAW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</u> Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge. The meeting will include preparing for the Congregational Meeting to be held September 28 after worship.

<u>Wednesday Gathering</u> Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects! We are working on getting the upstairs studio prepped and painting, and installing new acrylic on the main windows while the weather is with us!

<u>Workday at the Church</u>—Thursday, September 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will do some general cleaning and get the newsletter mailbox ready!

<u>UNITED COMEDY NIGHT</u> Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 7 p.m. at Laidlaw, in the santurary. 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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, "The Sky is Falling?" Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. Olivia Brown 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! Worship by Livestream at https://youtube.com/live/Yzsgjk9bLLo?feature=share

Upcoming Events

- <u>PENNY SALE</u>—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!
- <u>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!</u> Sunday, September 28, 2025, following the Benediction at Worship. The agenda for the meeting will be to receive, discuss, and vote on recommendations from the Church Council for adjustments to Rev. Doug's hours of work in January of 2026, in light of his 65th Birthday this November. These adjustments need congregational approval now to be implemented in January of 2026.
- <u>Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason</u> 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...
- MOVIE NIGHT-family friendly! Disney's ELIO, Friday, October 3, 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 your family and a friend! NICOLE CHRISTIAN and JACK CURRY HINKS in concert at Laidlaw, Sunday October 5, 2 p.m. Nicole's musician friend Jack Curry Hinks is visiting Ontario from Scotland! Join us for a musical journey Sunday afternoon October 5!
- <u>THANKSGIVING SUNDAY:</u> Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11 a.m. We will gather Thanksgiving Vegetable Donations for Wesley Urban Ministries. Wesley is no longer able to receive actual vegetables, but there are donation envelopes at the back to donate to Wesley Urban Ministries.
- <u>BINGO!</u> 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.
- <u>JIM CLAYTON?</u> What's so great about and evening with jazz pianist/vocalist JIM CLAYTON? Come and Find Out! (Spoiler: it's the great songs and the great stories) Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Laidlaw. Tickets are \$10, scan the poster online to get advance ticket! Rev. Doug will welcome help with baked goods and help to serve food and drinks at the event!
- <u>LAIDLAW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN</u> Lunch and meeting, Monday, October 20, 2025, lunch at noon, meeting follows. Rev. Doug will make lunch—Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Day!
- LAIDLAW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.
- <u>GUITAR SHOW AND SALE</u>: 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!
- <u>LAIDLAW'S 113th ANNIVESARY CELEBRATION</u> Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. Anniversary Lunch will follow the service! Join us for worship, stay for a lunch of Pasta, Bolognesi, Garlic Bread and Salad, with dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 each; and will support the Fundraising efforts at Laidlaw! Come celebrate with us!
- <u>The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET</u> returns Sunday December 7 at 1:30 p.m. for their Christmas Concert at Laidlaw! **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!

<u>LARGE PRINT BULLETINS?</u> 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 by 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.
- <u>GRANT PROGRESS:</u> A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program will wind up now with the installation of new acrylic on the sanctuary windows. A report will be filed, and we will hope to apply for another grant next year. The Grant from the Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the 'Artword Studio at Laidlaw' still in progress!

<u>Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.!</u> Rose McGowan is making 'kindness kits' for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!

<u>We appreciate help!</u> with supplies... We have decaf, regular coffee, and tea for now. We need cookies, and we will need baking for the penny sale! 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 and October. 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! 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 Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?" Luke 15:8 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:8-10.

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