



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 Fifteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Time to Wake Up”

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/g5SZImWer1M>

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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!
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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

 Romans 13, Psalm 149, Matthew 18

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Summer is over—there's no more sleeping in! We know what time it is—time to wake up, live and learn!

We are gathered here today to praise God, who gives us life! If we agree on some good thing, God will help us do it!

Praise Hymn

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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!

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

Saving God, you show us how to prepare. You call us to remember. You give us Passover and set us free.

Help us to forgive one another; and agree together. Gather us together, that we might find freedom, joy, strength, and purpose. Teach us love that fulfills your law.

You never sleep, God—call us to wake up! In Jesus, give us light and life. Let your Spirit bring us grace, so that none are lost, and all may rejoice, Amen.

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Anthem

Come Follow Me

Words and Music: Elly and Steve Kupferschmid

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 Thanksgiving Prayer

We praise you, God! We hear the stories of how you have saved people! The blood on the doorways was a sign that death might pass over your people. You part the waters to make a way of escape; you show the way through the desert; you make the darkness light. We are, all of us, your people!

We thank you, God! When we stumble, when we don't ask for help, and get into trouble, you don't give up on us. In Jesus, show us the joy of doing what we do, not for ourselves alone, but for the good of everyone—because we love you and your creation.

We share your gifts! We share this bread and wine that helps us remember Jesus giving his body and blood, so that truth, forgiveness and peace might take root in us. You give us joy, mercy and forgiveness to share, and we see your wonders even today! ה'שִׁיעָה נָא Save us, we pray!

We are waiting and hoping! We know you will help and heal those who are sick and suffering. We know you will comfort those who are grieving. Help us dedicate our lives to learning your way of love! Μαράνα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pour out your Holy Spirit! Let the fire of your Spirit heal us, and kindle in us love for everyone and everything you have created.

Glory to God in the highest! We give you our highest and best thanks and praise! Let the clouds and sunsets remind us that you will give us light and guide us, until the love of Jesus love is all we need, and all we know.

All glory and honour belong to you, now and forever, Amen.

Please hold your communion until everyone is served. We will partake together.

The Lord's Prayer

We Hear God's Word

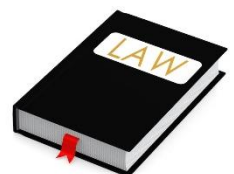
Children and Youth may gather at the front, or by your screen!

Youth and Scripture

 Romans 13:8

There's Only ONE Rule!

Young People Praying



Come Join the Circle

Words and Music: Gordon Webber 1998

1. Come join the circle, for Jesus is calling, as partners with God in creation.
All join your hands now, let all be included, for this is a great celebration!

Chorus: Look around and see who's here, look at all the faces!

This is the circle of visions and dreams, of people from all times and places!

2. Now say "hello" to the person beside you, welcome them into the circle.

Each has a gift or a talent worth sharing as part of their calling to service!

3. Open the circle for others are calling us, calling from past and from future.

All join your hands now, let all be included for God smiles when one more is added!

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 12:1-14 (Old Testament, page 58)*

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

Psalm Response

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 *Psalm 149*

1. Give praise to the LORD God! Let us sing a new song! Let's gather and praise God, who has given us life!
Let children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let's praise God with dancing, with the drum and the lyre!

2. For our LORD takes pleasure in his people this day! The humble God lifts up, and the faithful exalt!

Let everyone joyfully sing where they are! Let high praise to God be like a sword in our hand!

3. Let God's praise bring judgment that will set right what's wrong! Let God's praise bind leaders
till they do what is right! Our God has made known what will heal and bring hope!

Our glory in faith comes when we're praising our LORD!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 13:8-14 (New Testament, page 162)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 18:12-20 (New Testament, page 20)*

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

Sermon

Time to Wake Up!

Gospel Hymn

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Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, thro' my sight & touch & sound in you and you in me?

5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Give a Little Bit

Words and Music: Rick Davies and Roger Hodgson

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

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

Amen, Amen, Amen!

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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, Games 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

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug is back to 'normal' hours. Rev. Doug will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 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

Office Hours! Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, September 10, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and get the church ready for bingo on Saturday! Al Anon and Narc Anon will meet Thursday morning. Rev. Doug will open up, but then off to an interment out of town till later in the afternoon.

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, September 10, 2026, 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 available for sale! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, September 12, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us!

Bigger Prizes! 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Let'em Have It!" Olivia Brown 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/STiTiPyWiT8>

Upcoming Events

Movie Night is scheduled for September 18, 2026, we will watch 'The Sheep Detectives'

Beyond the Notes with Nadav Greehnut 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 early, 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!



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

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

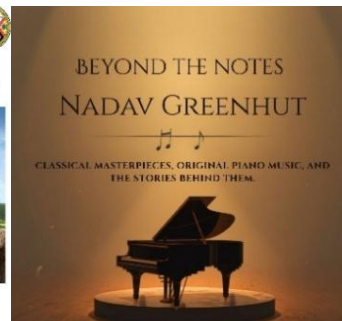


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Movie Night at Laidlaw Church

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)
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw
Shown under Church Video License—it's all legal!



BEYOND THE NOTES
NADAV GREENHUT

CLASSICAL MASTERPIECES, ORIGINAL PIANO MUSIC, AND
THE STORIES BEHIND THEM

September 19, 2026, 5PM
LIDLAW UNITED CHURCH
155 OTTAWA ST. N. - HAMILTON
FREE ADMISSION * PAY WHAT YOU WISH



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**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!

The First Passover

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Exodus 12:13

The puzzle is based on Exodus 12:1-14



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MALE	BREAD	ISRAEL	AARON	PLAGUE
FAMILY	MOSES	LAMB	JUDGMENT	DOOR
EGYPT	BLOOD	PASSOVER	LAMBS	MEAT