



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 Fifteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Sky is Falling?”

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

Sunday, September 21, 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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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

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Call to Worship

📖 Jeremiah 8, 1 Timothy 2, Luke 16, Psalm 79

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Is there no balm in Gilead? Why does help delay? For the hurt of others, we are hurt, and joy is denied!

In deep despair, God hears us, and desires to save us! Give thanks and praise to God, who redeems our lives!

Hymn of Praise

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There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. refrain*
- 2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, 'He died for all.' refrain*

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

O God, our help, you give us courage to cry out when we see no hope. You save and redeem us!

Teach us to be children of light who are skilled at making peace with one another. Teach us to seek your help, even when we have waited too long; give us courage to seek hope and grace!

God, you call us to know the truth and rejoice in it. You have sent Jesus to us to be our teacher and guide. Your Spirit lifts us, strengthens us, and redeem our lives! Amen.

Anthem

Thy Word

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith Arranger: Jack Schrader

We Hear God's Word

Youth and Scripture

📖 Luke 16:10

Can I Trust You?



Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 66 in All God's Children Sing

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional, Arrangement by Pamela Bye, copyright 1984

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*
- 2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*
- 3. Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*
- 4. Let it shine in Hamilton! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*
- 5. See the light spreading 'round the world! See all the faces shine! (3x)*

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday School Bible Lessons

There are also colouring pages in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (Old Testament, page 709)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response


Tune: Rest (Elton) 86886

📖 Psalm 79:1-9


- 1. O God, the sacred house you built has now been overrun! Your sacred gifts now lay defiled,
your faithful ones, their blood is spilled, their bodies feed the birds!**
- 2. Our neighbours taunt, they mock and scorn; God's anger is our shame. How long, O God,
will anger last? How long will shame burn like a fire? When will God hear our prayers?**
- 3. O God, don't punish us for sins our ancestors began! Show us your wisdom,
and your love, show us the way to turn and live, make taunting neighbours cease!**
- 4. Hear groans from those in prison, God, redeem those doomed to die! Make taunting cease,
end mocking scorn, save all who call upon your name; we will give thanks and praise!**

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Timothy 2:1-7* (New Testament, page 208)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 16:1-13* (New Testament, page 79)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

The Sky is Falling?

Gospel Hymn

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears, and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Lady Madona

Words and Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

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

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Spirit of the Living God

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with 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.
Jesus is King and Lord of all... He's coming back to take us home... 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! Our Beloved Audrey turned 99 years old on September 20! Best Wishes and Love to Audrey, George, and Pam, and all Audrey's extended family!

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!

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

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

TODAY: Baptism Class/Bible Study: 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 23, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, September 24, 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, lots of cleanup to do, help is appreciated!

Workday at the Church—Thursday, September 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —*coffee, labours, conversation, Join us!* Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will get the Penny Sale Prizes and room set up and ready! We would deeply appreciate delivery of baked goods for the Penny Sale Bake Table!

PENNY SALE—Saturday September 27, 2025—we are collecting prizes for the September sale and beyond—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, as well as the lot at LG Wallace Funeral Home (with our deepest thanks!)** **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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, "Poor Old Lucky Lazarus" Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. *Olivia Brown is at the keyboards.* 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/RI3CnYsUu-A?feature=share>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! 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.

Upcoming Events

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...

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!

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: 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.

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.

JIM CLAYTON? 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!

LAIDLAW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN 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.

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!

LAIDLAW'S 113th ANNIVESARY CELEBRATION 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!

The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET 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!

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 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.*

GRANT PROGRESS: 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!

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 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 Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV).



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