



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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Grumbling for Manna”

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/IFKN5rKCEzU>

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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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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

📖 Matthew 20, Exodus 16

The Lord be with you! And, also, with you!
How can we learn what God is like? We can listen to the stories Jesus tells us!
How can we learn to trust God? We can remember the manna; and give thanks!

Praise Hymn

344

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives away all fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
5. The effort of my heart is weak, and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek, I'll praise you as I ought.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, you provide for us. You send bread from heaven. You're generous. You ask us to trust you.
We struggle. We're intimidated. We give up. We grumble. But you continue to help us. You provide for us, and
you help us stand. Give us courage to trust your steadfast love.
God, teach us to welcome generosity. Help us learn from Jesus the wonders of your ways. Let the joy of your Holy
Spirit in us fill our hearts, Amen!

Anthem

Bound for the Promised Land

Words and Music: Familiar Hymns Arranger: Lloyd Larson

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Psalm 105:4

Grumbling for Manna

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 86 in All God's Children Sing

Spirit be Our Breath of Life

Words: Anonymous Music: Traditional

1. Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia! (2x)
2. Spirit be our wind of change, Alleluia! (2x)
3. Spirit help us share our gifts, Alleluia! (2x)
4. Spirit help us live God's love, Alleluia! (2x)



The Lord's Prayer

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Exodus 16:2-15 (Old Testament, page 62)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: Toplady 777777

📖 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-43

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's tribe from Egypt's hand!
3. When the LORD saved Israel, they came out with precious gold, No one stumbled, all were glad,
all of Egypt watched with dread. By the cloud and fire God led, with God's manna they were fed.
4. God gave quails when Israel asked; God gave water from the rock! For the sake of Abraham,
God remembered and gave aid. In this way God saved them all, they were filled with joy and song!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Philippians 1:21-30* (New Testament, page 196)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 20:1-16* (New Testament, page 21)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

It's Bad Manna to Grumble?

Gospel Hymn

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Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1. Let us with a gladsome mind praise our God, forever kind;
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.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Keep On the Sunny Side of Life
Words and Music: A.P. Carter

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

260

God, Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

1. God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy, God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy: teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing, till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.
2. God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators God who wills that chaos end: grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind, hearts and wills your rule extending all our acts by Love refined.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

88 (More Voices)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!
Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...
Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...
Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...
There must be a God somewhere! Refrain

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, Conversation, and 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

Women of Laidlaw Lunch together! Monday, September 21, 2026, at Noon! Rev. Doug will prepare lunch of soup and sandwiches, and the Women of Laidlaw will meet and get ready for the upcoming Penny Sale! All women are welcome!

Office Hours! Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and set up for the Penny Sale this Saturday!

PENNY SALE—The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday September 26, 2026! *Prizes are sufficient, thank!* We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated! 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 70 prizes, a Raffle 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 Women of Laidlaw, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks! Thanks for your support! Please Note: **Ottawa Street will be closed!** We will access the Laidlaw Parking lot by the back gate off Cannon Street and the Alley.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Massah and Meribah” 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/N8oor_Icn_I

Memorial Service for Lena McKee, Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Laidlaw. You are welcome to join Lena’s family as we Celebrate Lena’s life.

Upcoming Events

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, October 15, 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, October 17, 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!

Events this fall: Bingo 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!*

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.*

The Women of Laidlaw make meat pies! Get yours before they sell out! 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!

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!

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A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

**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!

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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 of 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License

SATURDAY OCT 24TH 11-3 2026

25TH ANNUAL
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**GUITAR SHOW
& SWAP MEET**

FOR MORE INFO: ALFIEZ1@YAHOO.COM
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155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
At the corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets
Invites you to our Annual

CANDY CANE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7, 2026
11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

Tea Room
Crafts
Knitting Table
Bake Table
Attic Treasures-Tiffany's
Christmas Gift Baskets
Candy Table
Raffle Table
Raffle tickets drawn at 2:00 p.m.
Winners must be present at the draw

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

**Penny Sale
Prize Raffle,
Half & Half Raffle
Bake Sale**

**Saturday,
November 28, 2026**
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
The Children's Table Ensures a Prize for every Child!
Held under City of Hamilton's Charitable Lottery License

Manna from Heaven

When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Exodus 16:15a (NIV)

Based on Exodus 16:2-15 (NIV)



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