



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 Sixteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Poor Old Lucky Lazarus”

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/RI3CnYsUu-A?feature=share>

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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

Call to Worship

📖 First Timothy 6, Luke 16

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

We want whatever will allow us to be content... God calls us to seek faith; love; endurance; gentleness.

Let God gather us in faith—in this there is great gain! Those who seek God find their way to paradise!

Hymn of Praise

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Anthem

Jesus Will Make Us His Own

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

📖 First Timothy 6:6-10

Youth and Scripture

We Already Have the Winning Ticket!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 25 in All God's Children Sing

Thank you, God

Words and Music: Diane Davis Andrew

2. Thank you, God, for giving us life. Thank you, God, for giving us life.
Thank you, God, for giving us life, right where we are.

Refrain: Alleluia, praise our God. Alleluia, praise our God. Alleluia, praise our God, right where we are.

3. Thank you, God, for giving us love. Thank you, God, for giving us love.
Thank you, God, for giving us life, right where we are.
4. Thank you, God, for giving us _____. Thank you, God, for giving us _____.
Thank you, God, for giving us _____, right where we are.

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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 32:1-3a, 6-15 (Old Testament, page 736)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalms Response

Tune: Dismissal 878787 Moderate

📖 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1. You who live in the shelter of God; you who in God's shadow abide; You will now say to God Almighty,
"My God and fortress—whom I trust!" God will deliver you from trouble, from snares and deadly pestilence!
2. Under God's wings you will find refuge, God's faithfulness will be your shield! You will not fear the night-time's terrors, nor arrows that fly in daylight, You will not fear the deepest darkness, or the destructive noonday heat!
3. "Those who love me, I will deliver; call on my name, I will guard you! When you call to me, I will answer,
in trouble I will rescue you! Honour and long life are my reward, my saving grace I'll show to you!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 First Timothy 6:6-19 (New Testament, page 210)

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

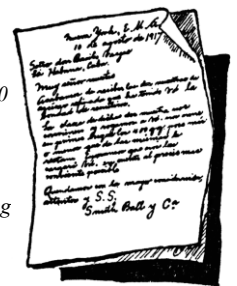
Lesson from the Gospel

📖 Luke 16:19-31 (New Testament, page 79)

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

Sermon

Poor Old Lucky Lazarus!



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation
4. perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We Respond to God's Word**The Prayers of the People****Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity****Offertory***Lord, I Hope this Day is Good**Words and Music: Dave Hanner***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**In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve****Closing Hymn**

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Take My Life and Let it Be

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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!*



At Coffee Hour Today: There will be a cake of celebration With Kaitlyn Jardine and her mom, Karen. Kaitlyn and Karen have been away over the summer, Karen has been getting medical treatments, and Kaitlyn and Karen have been with us online this summer! Now they are back, and we can share a cake celebrating healing and return!

A Donation was received from Susan Hamilton ***in Loving Memory of Dorothy and Peter Biegun***, her parents. Dorothy died September 26, 2019, and Peter died September 7, 2015. ***Loved and remembered always!***

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: 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.

TODAY: Baptism Class/Bible Study: Today at 1:00 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 30, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, October 1, 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, October 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will set up for Movie Night!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—WORLD WIDE COMMUNION, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, "Moving Mulberry Trees" Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 11 a.m. Steve McRae 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://www.youtube.com/live/4-Y9sDtGy30?si=S9mRVDDikN8-mrEU>

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!

Upcoming Events

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!

LIDLAW 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!

LIDLAW 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!

LIDLAW'S 113th ANNIVERSARY 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.

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

Movie Night at Laidlaw Church



Friday, October 3, 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!

Join us for an intimate afternoon of songwriting featuring Hamilton local

Nicole Christian
and Scotland based
Jack Hinks



Oct 5
at
Laidlaw Memorial Church
2pm, PWYC
Suggested \$10
All are welcome

What's so great about an evening with award-winning jazz pianist/vocalist **Jim Clayton?**

Come find out!
(Spoiler: it's the great songs and the great stories.)

Sat. Oct. 18 7:30 PM
Laidlaw United Church
155 Ottawa St N, Hamilton



Scan the QR code for your \$10 ticket!



The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).



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