



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 Eighteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Massah and Meribah”

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/N8oor_Icn_I

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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

📖 Exodus 17, Philippians 2

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

God said, "Strike the rock, and water will come out!" And water came from the rock, and the people drank!

Jesus shows us a way of obedience that is complete joy! Let that obedience begin with worship and prayer!

Praise Hymn

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life; thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God of wonders, you gave water from a rock! You humble yourself; coming to us; living among us!

Forgive our grumbling. Teach us to do what is right. In overcoming selfishness, in learning to be of service, lead us to joy and new life!

God, you work a wonder in us—you set us free! In obedience and sacrifice, teach us to follow Jesus. By your Holy Spirit, change our minds, and lead us to unending joy, Amen!

Anthem

Morning Has Broken

Words: Eleanor Ferjeon Music: Bunessan (Gaelic Melody) Arranger: Rick Powell

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Exodus 17:7

Massah and Meribah

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 26 in Rainbow Songbook

Jesus Put this Song into our Hearts

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick

1. Jesus put this song into our hearts, Jesus put this song into our hearts; it's a song of joy no one can take away, Jesus put this song into our hearts!
2. Jesus taught us how to live in harmony, Jesus taught us how to live in harmony; different faces, different races, he made us one, Jesus taught us how to live in harmony!
3. Jesus taught us how to be a family, Jesus taught us how to be a family; loving one another with the love that he gives, Jesus taught us how to be a family!
4. Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing, Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing; changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy, Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing!

The Lord's Prayer

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament, page 64)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: HOLLINGSIDE 7777D.

📖 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

1. Lend your ears, my people, now! Hear my teaching! Know my words! I will tell a parable! I will speak the ancient words! These are things we all have known, things our elders taught to us! We'll not hide them from a child, we'll tell all God's glorious deeds!
2. For in Egypt God did work mighty marvels in their sight! Sea divided, they passed through; waters stood all in a heap! In the day the cloud led on, then at night the fiery light. God split desert rocks; they drank! Like a river waters flowed!

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



Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Philippians 2:1-13* (New Testament, page 197)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 21:23-32* (New Testament, page 23)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Questions Welcomed Here!

Gospel Hymn

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Just as I Am

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Drinking at the Springs of Living Water
Words and Music: John W. Peterson

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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I Feel the Winds of God Today

1. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest; and brave another cruise.
2. It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.
3. If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

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 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' Mondays and Fridays are a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m., last meeting at Laidlaw will be September 30), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

TODAY: 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.

Office Hours! Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, October 1, 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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, The 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Ten Reasons to Keep Trying" 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/GxLgx7f49Xg>

Upcoming Events

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: Sunday, October 11, 2026, 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.

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!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stu Hamilton Room!

GUITAR SHOW AND SALE: Player's Grade, organized by Alfie Smith, Saturday, October 24, 2026, 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 114th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 11 a.m. Anniversary Lunch will follow the service! Join us for worship, stay for Anniversary Lunch! Tickets are \$15.00 each; and will support the Fundraising efforts at Laidlaw! Come celebrate with us!

Laidlaw Memorial United Church Women, ANNUAL CANDY CANE BAZAAR, Saturday, November 7, 2026, 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., Raffle Drawn at 2:00 p.m.—Something for everyone: Tea Room, Crafts, Bake Table, Attic Treasures, Christmas Gift Baskets, Raffle Table. All Welcomed!

U.C.W. Candy Cane Bazaar—November 7, 2026, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. You Can help!! We will need Raffle items worth about \$25.00 each. Raffle items must be new and in their original packaging. Baking is needed. Christmas decorations, old jewellery, watches etc., gently used glassware, ornaments, for "attic treasures", Thanks! Christmas Baskets! It's time to think about Christmas Baskets for the Candy Cane Bazaar, and we need your help. Items to fill Coffee Mugs (small packages of special coffee, tea, hot chocolate, chocolate spoons, bulk store-bought candy, small boxes of chocolates, e.g. Russell Stover) candles, serviettes, bath items, toys and treats for our pets. Speak to Barbara Schuster or Kathi Austin, or if you would rather, donations of money are appreciated, and we will shop for you!

Remembrance Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. We Will remember Them! Loaves and Fishes Lunch follows.

CHRISTMAS PENNY SALE—Saturday November 28, 2026—we are collecting prizes for this new 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!* **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 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!

The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET returns **Sunday December 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** for their Christmas Concert at Laidlaw—save the date! Don't miss it!

Events this fall: Bingo November 14; 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!



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 Jap Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
 Two \$0/\$50 Jap 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

SATURDAY OCT 24TH 11-3 2026

GUITAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

FOR MORE INFO: ALFIEZ1@YAHOO.COM
 BOOTHES FOR RENT. GENERAL ADMISSION \$5

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 155 OTTAWA ST N, HAMILTON, ON

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
 At the corner of Ottawa and Canam 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 Charitable Lottery License

Water from a Rock

"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."
 So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. Exodus 17:6

Based on Exodus 17:1-7



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COMPLAIN	ROCK	DRINK	POUR	DESERT
ELDERS	GRUMBLE	LIVESTOCK	CHILDREN	THIRST
WALK	WATER	STAFF	NILE	MOSES