



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

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

The Eighteenth Sunday after Epiphany
“Greater Gratitude”

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/pcniNqhGBxs?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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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

Deuteronomy 26, Philippians 4

The Lord be with you! And also with you!
God has been good to us: let us gather and give thanks!
In giving thanks, we remember—God hears and helps us!
When we have wandered, let's turn to Jesus, whom God sends to save us!
God's peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Hymn of Praise

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We Praise You, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers, through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, you call us to rejoice always! You encourage us to remain faithful in hope, to seek peace and pursue it! Your love is steadfast!
Help us to be as ready to give thanks as we are to receive good gifts. No matter if our bellies are full or empty, teach us to seek the greater gifts you offer us—spiritual food that endures!
God, show us bread that is spirit and truth. In Christ, teach us to rejoice in the diversity of matter and energy that sustains your creation. Let your Spirit fill us with joyful thanks, Amen!

Anthem

A Thanksgiving Garden

Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin, inspired by Galatians 5:22

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

John 6:27

Thanksgiving in a Basket

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 28 in *All God's Children Sing*

Serve The Lord

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness!
O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!
2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you!
O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, trust the Lord!
3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions!
O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, thank the Lord!
4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! Love the Lord, and there is your freedom!
O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, love the Lord!
5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness!
O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!

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The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons
There are also colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *(Old Testament, page 180)*
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



 Psalm 100

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Words: William Kethe, 1561 Music: Old 100th, Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.
2. Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise; with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Philippians 4:4-9* (New Testament, page 198)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 6:25-35* (New Testament, page 98)

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

Sermon

Greater Gratitude

Gospel Hymn

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God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life
5. God of the neighbour God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Simple Gifts

Words and Music: Elder Joseph Brackett 1848

'Tis a gift to be simple 'Tis a gift to be free 'Tis a gift to come down Where we ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right We'll be in the valley Of love and delight
When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight Till by turning, turning, we come 'round right

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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Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Commissioning and Benediction

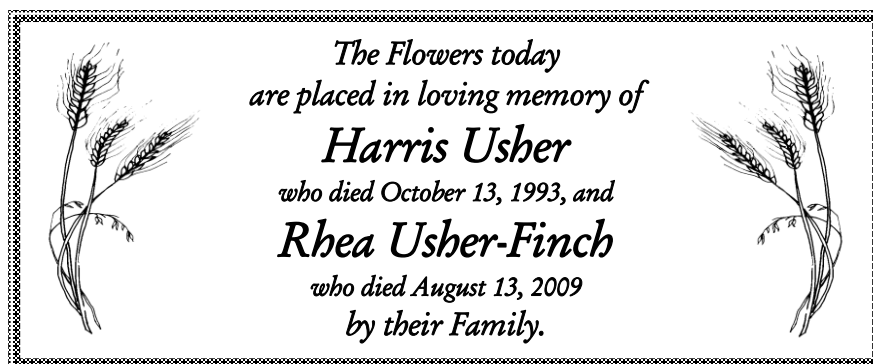
Choral Response

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!*



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

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Horizon Utilities will have the power shut down for four hours at 9:30 a.m. And Rankin Construction will be fixing the sidewalk in front of the church parking lot.

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, October 15, 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 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will set up for Bingo on Saturday!

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—award winning Jazz Pianist and Vocalist! Join us Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. at Laidlaw! **FREE ADMISSION! Donations welcomed!** 'Jim is Canada's Harry Connick Jr.' (Arts Calling) Rev. Doug will welcome help with baked goods and help to serve food and drinks at the event!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, “Never Give Up” Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 11 a.m. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with William Lamarr! *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/DHXFh8FMo6Q?feature=share>**

Upcoming Events

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!

Crown Point Garden Club meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stew Hamilton Room.

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

‘YOUR HOME MADE SIMPLE’ Thursday, October 23, 2025, 7 p.m. at Laidlaw Cecilia Ingram is hosting a real estate evening at Laidlaw! Cecelia will be there to talk about the housing market, along with a mortgage specialist and home inspector, and a Real Estate Lawyer. If you have questions about buying or selling a home and have questions, this is a great opportunity to get those questions answered with no pressure! **Call Cecilia at 905 977 0394 to RSVP!**

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! Donations of sandwiches to sell, and baking, would be a great help!

Laidlaw’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 Wedding of Ashton Hébert and Patrick Ducharme, Friday, October 31, 2025, at noon at Laidlaw! Best Wishes!

Laidlaw United Church Women Lunch and meeting, Monday, November 3, 2025, lunch at noon, meeting follows. Rev. Doug will make lunch—Chowder and Bread Day!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, November 6, 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...

Laidlaw Memorial United Church Women, ANNUAL CANDY CANE BAZAAR, Saturday, November 8, 2025, 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, Candy Table, Raffle Table. All Welcomed!

U.C.W. Candy Cane Bazaar—November 8, 2022, 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!

Devin Bateson presents: MIDSHPMAN’S HANDBOOK, Saturday, November 8, 2025, doors open 7 p.m. show at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Laidlaw. Tickets are \$15, 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!

Remembrance Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. We Will remember Them! **Loaves and Fishes Lunch follows.**

REV. DOUG’S 65th BIRTHDAY PARTY, Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Rev. Doug will be at Laidlaw for a Remembrance Day Service on the Front Portico at 11 a.m. From 2 p.m. till 8 p.m., there will be a 65th Birthday Open House at Rev. Doug’s house, 29 Kenilworth Ave. S. There will be lots of food, birthday cupcakes, conversation and games. Come by when you can, have some food, say (or sing) happy birthday, and eat some cake! *Best wishes only, please—let your presence be your present!* Everyone is welcome!

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Laidlaw Church Council Meets: Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00 till 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Lots of important items on the agenda! All elected council members should attend!

MOVIE NIGHT-family friendly! BAD GUYS 2, Friday, November 21, 2025, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Wii, Lots of food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring your family and a friend!

TINSEL TOWN—One of a Kind Craft Vendors Saturday, November 29, 2025, 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Local artisans will bring their crafts—and you are welcome to join as a vendor or shopper. Vendors may rent a table for \$40.00. Light lunch will be available—to book a table, go to www.laidlawchurch.ca community tab, call the church office or speak to Carol Courtney! There will be a Raffle, with draws at 2 p.m. Donations for the raffle table are welcomed!

The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET returns Sunday December 7 at 1:30 p.m. for their Christmas Concert at Laidlaw!
Lunch with Santa, Saturday, December 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m., on Santa's knee at 12:00 p.m. Chilli and Hot Dog Lunch with Santa followed by pictures with Santa, included with your ticket! Tickets are \$8 per person over 6 years Children 2-6 are \$4 per person, under 2 years free!

No Coal Christmas Concert with Myke Hutchings and Friends: Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Laidlaw. Join Myke and his musical friends at Laidlaw for a concert of Christmas songs! Family fun for everyone—don't miss it!
THE FIRST EVER NEW YEAR EVE BENEFIT GALA, Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 8 p.m. till 12 a.m. at Laidlaw. Hosted by Sean Patrick Sullivan. 3 Course Dinner, Comedy, Music, Panel Discussion! Tickets are \$60 in advance, \$75 at the door—don't miss an amazing evening, an alcohol free way to welcome the New Year!

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 bazaar!** 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.

