



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

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

The Nineteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“Ten Reasons to Keep Trying”

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

Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

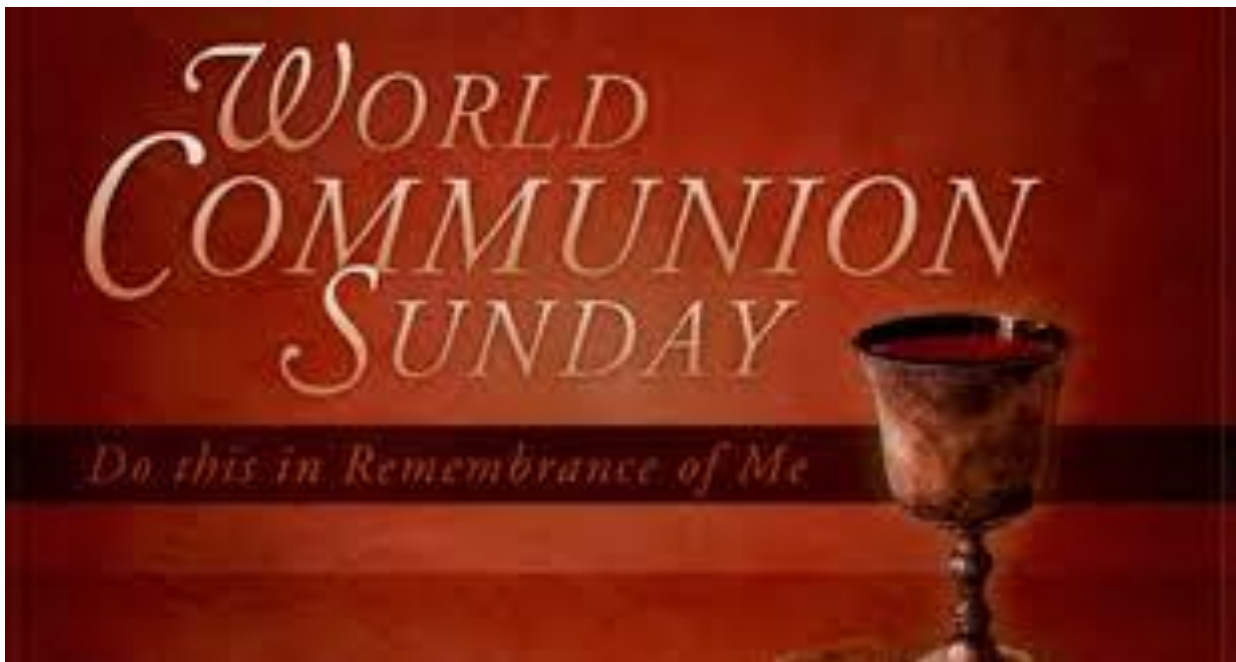
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!



Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube! 'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!
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 20, Philippians 3

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

God has called us; God has brought us: Out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery!

Not that we have reached the goal—but we press on! God will amaze us, teach us, and show us the way!

Praise Hymn

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Teach Me, God, To Wonder

1. Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see. Let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given. Love for you be lived. Life be celebrated, joy you give!
2. Let me, God, be open, let me loving be. Let your world of people speak to me.
Praise to you be given. Love for you be lived. Life be celebrated, joy you give!
3. Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake. In your world of loving, my place take.
Praise to you be given. Love for you be lived. Life be celebrated, joy you give!
4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see you in my neighbor when we meet.
Praise to you be given. Love for you be lived. Life be celebrated, joy you give!

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

LORD God, you make your way clear to us! You set us free, and call us to live in steadfast love, with hope.

We remember the smoke and thunder; but forget the wisdom and gentleness of your law. By your grace, give us the courage of faith to press on to what lies ahead, with hope and joy.

Show us the surprising joy of your heavenward call in Jesus Christ. Let your Holy Spirit be at work in us, producing a good harvest in your vineyard, Amen.

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Words: William R. Featherston Music: Adoniram J. Gordon Arranger: Richard Kingsmore

Greeting

The Lord be with you! And Also with you!
Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Unison)*

We praise you, God! We remember the water from the rock, the laws written in stone. Show us that your steadfast love and wisdom remain, even now. Show us your ways that brings peace.

We thank you, God! We hear your call. When fears and sins discourage us, you are not silent. With loving clarity, you speak, in prophetic voices; and in the silence of your Holy Spirit, you work to redeem our hearts and minds.
הַשְׁמִיעָה נָא Save us, we pray!

We share your gifts! We share this bread and wine that you have given us for the good of the whole wide world. Make all of us people who obey out of love and faith and hope, seeking peace and forgiveness. Help us as we share in the sufferings of Christ; so that we may also share in the resurrection of Christ.

We are waiting! Be our God who journeys with us. Be with us when we need to heal. Come along side us when we are going through times of loss and grief. Bind us together in hope that works itself out in love and joy. Give us the joy of working your vineyard. **Μαράνα θά!** Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pour out your Holy Spirit! Renew us and everything you have created! Remind us that we belong to you, and to each other. Make us one in ministry and service to the whole world, until your kingdom is on earth and in heaven. *All praise and glory belongs to you!* Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, all honour and glory belong to you, our God, our rock and redeemer, now and forever, Amen.

Communion will be served to you in the pews.
Please hold the bread and wine until all are served.
We will partake together.

The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

Exodus 20:1

The Eleventh Commandment

Young People Singing

no. 55 in *Rainbow Songbook*

This Is My Commandment

Words and Music: *Source Unknown*

Round

⁽¹⁾This is my commandment: that you love one another, that your joy may be full!

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That your joy may be full! That your joy may be full!

This is my commandment: that you love one another, that your joy may be full!

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



Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 20:1-20 (Old Testament, page 66)

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

Psalm Response

Psalm 19

Tune: WINSKOTT L.M.

1. The heavens all God's glory tell! The skies proclaim God's handiwork!
Both day and night they speak silently; their voice is heard throughout the earth!

2. Our God has set the sun in heaven, glorious, like a handsome groom!
Like a strong athlete who runs with joy; crossing the sky from end to end!

3. The laws of God revive the soul! Trusting God's ways will make us wise!
God shows the way to know heartfelt joy. God's will is clear and gives us light!

4. To fear the LORD is right and pure, so it is now, will always be!
What God ordains is all truth, and right; better than gold, like honey sweet.

5. God's law will give a warning true! Keeping God's law is great reward!
But who can know all the wrong they do? God clear us from our hidden faults!

6. God, keep your servants back from those who act and speak with disrespect.
Keep me from being pushed to such ways; then I'll avoid the greater sins.

7. Seeing our sins, let's turn from them! Let's seek the new life God will give!
Let all our words now, our thoughts and prayers, welcome our God, the Rock who saves!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

Philippians 3:4b-14 (New Testament, page 198)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46 (New Testament, page 24)

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

Sermon

Ten Reasons to Keep Trying

Gospel Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster—God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, using us gently, and making us one.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Blowing in the Wind

Words and Music: Bob Dylan

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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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:

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: Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

Office Hours! Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated! Rev. Doug will leave at 10 a.m. for an interment service.

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, October 8, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and set up a concession for Rhyme and Reason.

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, October 8, 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

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. "A Bountiful Pause"

Shavini 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/ibwKrDmBjvs> **Donation Envelopes for Wesley Urban Ministries are at the back!**

Upcoming Events

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!*

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.

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.*

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 and installed 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!

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

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

39th ANNUAL
HAMILTON
PLAYERS GRADE

**GUITAR SHOW
& SWAP MEET**

FOR MORE INFO: ALFIEZ1@YAHOO.COM
BOOTHS 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 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 - Charitable Lottery License

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3

Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



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WIFE	FALSE	REMEMBER	DAY	IDOL
COVET	WORSHIP	MOTHER	LONG	FATHER
LORD	NEIGHBOR	DONKEY	SEVENTH	STEAL
MISUSE	HONOR	ADULTERY	TESTIMONY	HOLY