



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

Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

The Nineteenth Sunday after Epiphany
“Never Give Up”

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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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!

Guest Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.

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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

📖 Jeremiah 31, Luke 18

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

The least and greatest among us are called to know God! Let us embrace God's offer of a promise renewed!

God will grant justice to those who ask! God will not delay in leading us to joy and praise!

Hymn of Praise

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This is The Day

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day; this is the day that our God has made.

2. Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates, O God; we will go in, we will go in, to your holy place, to your holy place. Open to us your gates, O God, we will go in, to your holy place.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

3. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness. You are our God, we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faithfulness. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

4. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day; this is the day that our God has made.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, your promise in us is hope. Persist with us, calling us to persist in what is just and good!

Give us the courage of faith to believe your promise. Teach us to persist until what is right comes to light. Let us see the ways you are quick to help us when we seek to let what is right prevail!

Let this be a day we come to know you! In Jesus, show us how to respect everyone. By your Spirit's power, grant us persistent faith that leads to justice, Amen!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

with William Robert Lamar

Introduction

As people of faith, we celebrate God's grace revealed to us in the sacred rite of Baptism.

God created this world—we are part of God's creation. In Jesus Christ, God offers us transforming faith.

In all the diversity of creation, we all belong to God. In all our differing practices, we seek the same Holy Spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, we see the source of our life; we seek the joys of innocence, repentance and forgiveness; we offer ourselves to God as Disciples of Jesus Christ.



Presenting William for Baptism and Membership

Profession of our Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who came in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, we are not alone, Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

Baptism in the Name of the Holy Trinity

New Member Welcome, Presenting Certificates

Welcome and Blessing

Anthem

William's Choice!

Hallelujah

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen Arranger: Roger Emerson

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Luke 18:1

Being a Good Pest

Young People Praying



I Prayed in the Tub

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

1. I sat in the tub till I looked like a prune. My mother told me to get out soon,
but I love to sit in the tub and think. I like to float and I like to sink!

Chorus: I prayed to God from right there in the tub, to give this whole world a vigorous scrub,
to clean away what does not belong, to get busy now and fix what's wrong.

2. I thought about children that I did not know, who never play and who just don't grow.
They haven't food or a place on this earth, no one who knows just how much they're worth.

3. I wondered why God let them suffer like that, why all of their enemies aren't laid out flat,
and I thought that all things could be more fair if the rest of the world could just learn how to share.

4. and final chorus: And then I heard God's voice way down inside. The voice spoke to me and I almost died!
"The idea's right! I'll start with you. You'll be surprised at what caring can do!"

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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

 *Jeremiah 31:27-34* (Old Testament, page 735)

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

Psalm Response

 *Psalm 119:97-104*

Tune: All the Way 8787D

1. O my LORD, how I love your law! It's my study all day long! Your commandment makes me
wiser than my foes; your law is truth! Your decrees give me more insight than my teachers ever gave!

Keeping your precepts gives wisdom, more than elders gave to me!

2. I hold back my feet from evil, so that I may keep your word. I have kept the rules you've given,
for you have instructed me. How sweet is your every word, LORD, they are honey in my mouth!

When I ponder your great values, I hate every way that's false!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Second Timothy 3:14-4:5* (New Testament, page 213)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 18:1-8* (New Testament, page 81)

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

Sermon

Never Give Up!

Gospel Hymn

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Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.
2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.
4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Words and Music: Patsy Ford Simms

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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.
3. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Hallelu, hallelujah.

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 TODAY after Worship for Lunch with William

Celebrating his baptism with his family!

Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!

Everyone is Welcome!



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!

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

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!

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, October 21, 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.

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

LIDLAW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, October 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects! Lots of cleanup to do, help is appreciated!

'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!**

Workday at the Church—Thursday, October 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —*coffee, labours, conversation, Join us!* Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We begin the setup for the Guitar Show on Saturday!

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!

LIDLAW'S 113th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. Anniversary Lunch will follow the service! Join us for worship, then stay for a lunch of Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread and Salad, with dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 each; and will support the Fundraising efforts at Laidlaw! Come celebrate with us!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Laidlaw's 113th Anniversary, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, "Respect, Cooperation, and Joy!" Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. Anniversary Dinner will follow—Get your ticket today! 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/i5KRSr13T1M?feature=share>**

Upcoming Events

The Wedding of Ashton Hébert and Patrick Ducharme, Friday, October 31, 2025, at noon at Laidlaw! Best Wishes! **LIDLAW 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! **Lunch Follows, see below!**

REV. DOUG'S 65th BIRTHDAY PARTY will be happening on Sunday, November 9, 2025, after worship—and we really mean it this time! Rev. Doug has promised to make all the Crock Pot stuff he knows--chili! turkey soup! corn and broccoli chowders!—and says everyone is welcome to stay for lunch and cake and celebration! (*But wait! There's more!*) On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, after our Remembrance Day Ceremony on the Front Portico at 10:45 a.m., Rev. Doug will be going to lunch at the Centre Mall Mandarin for his well-earned senior's discount. Want to join him? You're more than welcome to—but no gifts please! Just remember to pick up your own cheque.

BINGO! Saturday, November 15, 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.

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!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, featuring 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! Our 1st ever **LIDLAW LIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBER SPECTACULAR** is happening Wednesday, the 31st of December, with: doors opening at 7PM: a 3-course dinner at 8PM: a big show with music, comedy, and lots of surprises at 9PM: and a sparkling-cider toast at midnight. Tickets are \$60 in advance, or \$75 at the door, with a "buy 4, get 1 free" special offer running through the 1st of December. For more information, visit <https://www.laidlaw.live>

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.




Laidlaw's 113th Anniversary

Join us IN PERSON, or on YouTube at "Laidlaw Live"
The Video URL, Order of Service (with the hymns) is Available at www.laidlawchurch.ca

Chat with us, let us know you are there, ask for a candle to be lighted!
Rev. Doug Moore, Olivia Brown on the keyboards

Everyone is Welcome—In Person or Online
Children's Class is Available! Bring the Children and join us!
Anniversary Dinner will follow the 11 a.m. Service
 Pasta Bolognese and all the fixings, tickets on sale now!

113TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025
CHURCH OPENS 10 A.M.
 LUTHERAN SERVICE 10:55 A.M. CATHOLIC MASS 11:00 A.M.
 SERVICE BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M.
 ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOLLOWS
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!




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, November 21, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.
NOTE: NOW, 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
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Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

BINGO



Saturday, October 18, 2025
Saturday, November 15, 2025
Saturday, January 17, 2026
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Saturday, May 16, 2026
Saturday, June 13, 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 at least 18 years old
 Held under Ontario Lottery License