



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

Laidlaw's 114th Anniversary Celebration

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

"We're Not There Yet!"

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/bToBxNKULPY>

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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!*

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

📖 Psalm 90, Matthew 22

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

Every generation finds their true home in God! We will continue our journey, until we see God's works!

God will satisfy us each new morning with steadfast love! In praise, prayer, and words of love, let us honour God!

Praise Hymn

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I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Loving God, with grace you lead us toward your promise. In steadfast love, you show us the joy of generations past, this generation, and the generations to come.

Turn us toward good as many days as we have seen evil. Redeem us by calling us to acts of love and joy. Show us the grace of learning to care deeply for one another, and for all you have created.

God, you are the love that sustains our lives. In Jesus, you turn us toward love and faithfulness. Your Holy Spirit leads us deep into the joy of steadfast love! Amen.

Anthem

Bound For the Promised Land

Words and Music: Traditional Arranger: Lloyd Larson

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Matthew 22:36

At the Core: Love!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 22 in *Joyful Noise*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Words and Music: African American Spiritual

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart;

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart.

2. ...to be more loving... 3. ...to be more holy... 4. ...to be like Jesus...

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The Lord's Prayer

There are colouring pages and puzzles for the children at the back, and in the Bulletin, if you print it out!

There is Sunday School Class with Drew too!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (Old Testament, page 191)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: St. Flavian C.M. moderate

📖 Psalm 90:1-6-13-17 (Adapted)

1. LORD God, you've been our dwelling place all generations now!
Before the mountain peaks arose or earth and stars were formed!

2. From everlasting you are God, we mortals turn to dust.

A thousand years to you pass by like yesterday that's past.

3. You sweep away the passing years like grass, they are a dream.

We flourish in the morning light, by evening we are spent.



4. **How long, O LORD? Turn now, O LORD! Let your compassion reign!
Your steadfast love begins our day, our years you bless with joy!**
5. **Let joys outnumber sufferings. Let justice push back wrong.
Let those who serve you see your works; their children see your power.**
6. **LORD God, you've been our dwelling place, now let your favour rest;
Upon us all; let us succeed; prosper the work we do!**

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Thessalonians 2:1-8 (New Testament, page 203)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 22:34-46 (New Testament, page 25)*

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

Sermon

We're Not There Yet!

Gospel Hymn

The Light of the World is Jesus

1. **The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, The Light of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in; The Light of the world is Jesus!**
*Refrain: Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Jesus!*
2. **No darkness have we who in Jesus abide; The Light of the world is Jesus!
We walk in the light when we follow our Guide! The Light of the world is Jesus!**
3. **We dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes, The Light of the world is Jesus!
Go, wash at His bidding, and light will arise; The Light of the world is Jesus!**
4. **No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told; The Light of the world is Jesus!
The Lamb is the Light in the city of gold, The Light of the world is Jesus!**

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Jesus is Just Alright

Words and Music: Aurthur Reynolds

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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It Only Takes a Spark

1. **It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing: that's how it is
with God's love, once you've experienced it: you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**
2. **What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding, the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming; that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**
3. **I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found - on God you can depend,
it matters not where you're bound; I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

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

TODAY: LAIDLAW'S 114th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 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! If you didn't get a ticket ahead, you can still eat with us!

Office Hours! Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, October 29, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—All Saints Day Communion, Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Wet Feet Are Not Cold Feet", 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, and games in the gym! **Livestream** at https://youtube.com/live/7MNSrStS_fb4

Upcoming Events

Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 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, Knitting and Crafts, Bake Table, Attic Treasures, Christmas Gift Baskets, Raffle Table. All Welcomed!

Laidlaw Candy Cane Bazaar—November 7, 2026, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. You Can help!! We will need Raffle items worth about \$35.00 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! We have what we need for Christmas Baskets this year, thanks!

Remembrance Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. We Will remember Them! Jim Stewart will be our piper for the day, David Crown will play the trumpet! **Loaves and Fishes Lunch** follows.

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, November 12, 2026, 7-9 p.m. in the new Studio 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, November 14, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. This is the last bingo of 2026! 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!

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 Laidlaw 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 Raffle 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 Women of Laidlaw, 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!

Lunch with Santa, Saturday, December 12, 2026, 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 \$10 per person over 6 years Children 2-6 are \$5 per person, under 2 years free!

No Coal Christmas Concert with Myke Hutchings and Friends: Saturday, December 19, 2026, 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!

Christmas is Coming! 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.! Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!

The Women of Laidlaw meat pies! Get yours before they sell out! \$7 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 If you would like a set, we are happy to provide them—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, Canada Helps or E-Transfer. (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 if you need help to get any this set up).** *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 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
Attie 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.

LIDLAW MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
AT THE CORNER OF OTTAWA AND CANNON 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 Top Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two \$5/\$10 Top 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 parent or guardian at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License

LIDLAW MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
A BAZAAR TO THE REMEMBRANCE OF
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**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

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"A Christmas Tradition"
featuring...
Peter Banting
SWINGTET...

Sunday, December 6, 2025, 2 p.m.
at Laidlaw Memorial United Church
155 Ottawa Street North at Cannon Street
Pay What You Can. \$20 suggested
Light refreshments will be available
proceeds will help balance the 2026 church budget!
With Thanks for the generosity of the musicians!

Lunch with Santa

at Laidlaw Memorial United Church
155 Ottawa Street North at Cannon Street
Saturday, December 12, 2026
Lunch Served at 11:00 a.m.
Santa will visit at 12:00 p.m.!

Chili & Hot Dogs
served at 11 a.m.
Santa and Phineas
arrive at noon
A picture with Santa,
Christmas Craft Time
All included with Lunch!

Tickets:
\$8 per person over 6 years old.
\$4 for children 2-6 years old.
Children under 2 years old are free!
Get Your Tickets!
At the Candy Cane Bazaar,
November 7, 2026, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m.
or call the Church Office at 905 544 6534
Advance Tickets Only—Get Yours Early!

Practice What You Preach

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice
what they preach. Matthew 23:3b (NIV)

Based on Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)



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