



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

All Saints Day Communion

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
“Wet Feet Are Not Cold Feet”

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

Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

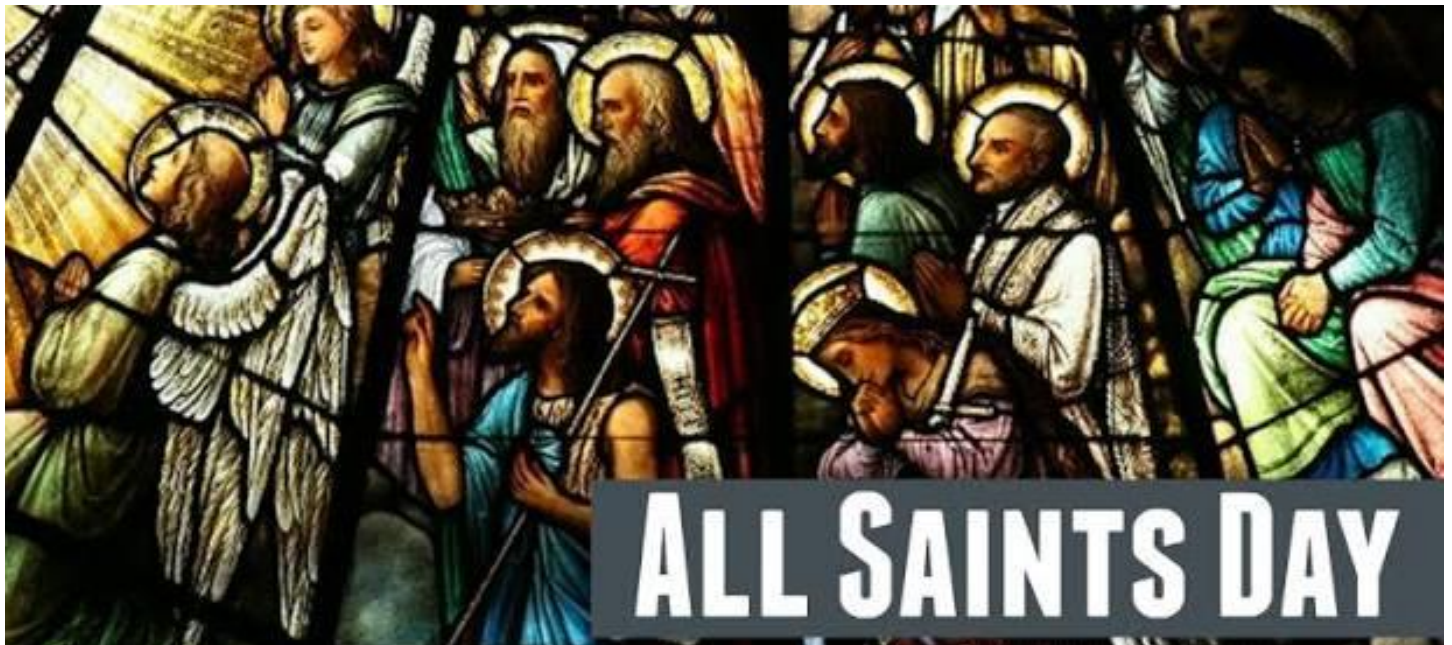
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Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

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

 Joshua 3, Psalm 107, Matthew 23

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

When the times are changing, it is God at work! God shows us the truth, with steadfast love!

There will always be another Jordan to cross! God helps us all! Let us all give God thanks!

Praise Hymn

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Come, Let Us Sing

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray; and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low; let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, you are good! Your steadfast love endures forever! You tell us the truth and help us!

You call us to seek grace and live by faith, trusting you for the future. You ask us to seek peace; to live in harmony with all you have created.

God, let the truth turn us from our sins and errors. In Jesus, show us what is good. By the power of your Spirit, let us lead lives of grace and peace, Amen!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Anthem

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Words and Music: *Spiritual* Adapted/Arranger: Patsy Ford Simms

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! You stand on the mountain with Moses; and with us on the banks of our Jordan, giving us courage to step into the waters. When we follow Jesus, you show us love we never imagined, and grace that makes everything new.

We thank you, God! You gather us together. You are gentle with us, and ask us to be gentle with one another, so that, in acts of love, we may experience amazing progress, and deep joy, with each other. In Jesus, our many questions find their answer in steadfast love. אֱלֹהֵינוּ שְׁמַח Save us, we pray!

We share your gifts! In this bread and wine we remember the body and blood of Jesus, who gave without fear or reservation, bringing forgiveness, peace and newness of life into this world. As we receive these gifts, strengthen us to offer ourselves without fear; sharing in the joy, the suffering, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are waiting! For peace; for courage to work for the good of generations to come; for help as we seek healing of mind, body and spirit; for light and peace when we pass through the darkness of grief. We wait for peace that can bind us together as your joyful creation. Μάρα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pour out your Holy Spirit! Teach us to give thanks always. Let your Spirit lead us to live lives worthy of all you are giving us. Make us one in Christ, one with each other, one in ministry and service in the name of Jesus, always rejoicing in your kingdom among us, looking forward to your kingdom to come.

Praise and glory belong to you! Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ; all honour and glory are yours; God, our help, strength and hope, 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

 *Matthew 23:4*

"Lift a Finger"

Young People Praying Young People Singing

no. 80 in *Joyful Noise*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Words and Music: African American Spiritual

Chorus: **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.**
- 2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He loves us all!"**

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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

 *Joshua 3:7-17 (Old Testament, page 195)*

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

Psalm Response

Tune: Lancashire 7676D moderately fast

 *Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (Adapted)*

- 1. Give thanks to God, who is good! Whose steadfast love endures! Let those God saved from trouble,
say so, and praise the LORD! The LORD gathers us from the lands, from east, north, west and south, too!
From wand'ring in the desert, from hunger, thirst and shame!**
- 2. When they cried to the LORD God, God ended their distress! God led them by a straight way,
till they reached peace and rest. Where wicked souls have won the day, God makes the rivers run dry.
The springs no longer give life, the fruitful land lays waste.**
- 3. God gives the desert water, God makes the springs give life. The hungry ones live well there,
they build a town and thrive. They sow their fields and plant their crops and get a fruitful yield there.
Give thanks to God who is good! Whose steadfast love endures!**

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Thessalonians 2:9-13 (New Testament, page 203)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 23:1-12 (New Testament, page 25)*

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

Sermon

"Times Change"

Gospel Hymn

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 wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.**

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

I Can See Clearly Now

Words and Music: Johnny Nash

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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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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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, November 3, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed! Rev. Doug will open up the church, but is working from home that morning! Set up for Annual Bazaar will begin!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, November 5, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together. Set up for Annual Bazaar continues!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Keep Your Porch Light On", 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/Kz6btK7N9UQ>

Upcoming Events

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! Help with setting up and taking down are welcomed!

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.

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!**

GRANT PROGRESS: Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the ‘Artword Studio at Laidlaw’ The studio is ready now—the next OPEN MIC on Thursday November 12 will be held in the new studio! 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!

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.*



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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