



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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Epiphany

“We will Remember Them”

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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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!*

At the Keyboards Today: *Olivia Brown*

On the Trumpet Today: *David Crown*

On the Pipes Today: *Jim Stewart*

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

📖 Haggai 1, Luke 20

The Lord be with you! And, also, with you!
Great Wars; conflicts, terrorism; we have gathered to remember them!
Who are left among us who were there? Who can remember?
Living or dead, they're with us—for to God, all of them are alive!
God, help us to remember them! Make them alive to us!

Hymn of Praise

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God, As With Silent Hearts

Words: Fred Kaan 1989 Music: James Langran 1861

1. God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind how hate and war diminish humankind, we pause, and seek in worship to increase our knowledge of the things that make for peace.
2. Hallow our will as humbly we recall the lives of those who gave and give their all. We thank you, God, for women, children, men who seek to serve in love, today as then.
3. Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn, high hope to share with all the newly born, strong love in our pursuit of human worth: 'lest we forget' the future of this earth.
4. So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power, teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower. May we, impassioned by your living Word, remember forward to a world restored.

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Prayer of Approach (Unison)

LORD God of Hosts, to you, all of us are alive. We are your children, and you call us to live, and to hope for resurrection and new life.

Give us the courage to remember. Help us honour those who give themselves in love for others; whose names we know, those we do not know by name. Let your presence be eternal comfort and good hope.

Lord God of Hosts; be with us yet, lest we forget. In Jesus, show us how we also can be among those who do not die anymore. By your Spirit, make us all children of love and peace, Amen.

Our Ritual of Honour and Remembrance

The Young People will gather at the back and process to the front with the flags

Procession with the Flags

Jim Stewart, Piper

In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived,
felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders Fields.

Laying of the Memorial Wreath, Salute

Reading of the Names

Last Post

The Lament

Silence

Act of Remembrance

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them... We will remember them!*

David Crown, Trumpeter

Jim Stewart, Piper



Reveille

National Anthem

David Crown, Trumpeter

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O Canada

Words: French, Adolphe B. Routhier, 1880, English Robert Stanley Weir, 1908

Music: melody Calixa Lavellee ca. 1880, harm. William Smith Dingman, ca. 1930

**O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Prayer with our Young People, and the Lord's Prayer

There are colouring pages and puzzles at the back, and in the Bulletin, there is Sunday School Class with Drew too!

Anthem

We'll Meet Again

Words and Music: Ross Parker and Hughie Charles

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

 *Haggai 1:5b-2:9* (Old Testament, page 878)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: Dismissal 878787 moderate

 *Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21*

1. I will extol you, my God and King, I'll bless your name for evermore! Each day I live I'll praise and bless you! "Great is the LORD, above all thoughts." Each generation tells your great works, each generation sings your praise!
2. On all God's splendour, on all God's works, I'll meditate till day is done! The LORD is just, and kind in all things, God answers those who call in truth! All the desires of those who fear God will be fulfilled by God's own hand!
3. God hears the cries of those who fear God, God saves all those who call on God! The LORD looks out for all who love God, but what is evil God destroys. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, all flesh will bless God's holy name!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Second Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17* (New Testament, page 206)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 20:27-38* (New Testament, page 84)

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Freedom

Gospel Hymn

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Amazing Grace

Tune: House of the Rising Sun

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
3. Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home!
4. The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures!
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Tennessee Waltz

Words and Music: Red Stuart and Pee Wee King

Doxology

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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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Words: William Whiting 1860 alt. Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard, and hushed their raging at thy word, who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril in the air.
4. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the land.
5. O Trinity of love and power, all travellers guard in danger's hour. From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go: thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Commissioning and Benediction Choral Response

at 218 in *The Hymn Book*, 1971

God Save our Gracious King

Words: traditional, Music: from *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1743

1. God save our gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious Long to reign over us, God save the King!
2. Our loved Dominion bless with peace and happiness from shore to shore.
And let our nation be, loyal, united, free, True to herself and thee, for evermore.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Salute, Recession of the Flags, Postlude

Jim Stewart on Pipes



Join us for Coffee Hour!
At 10 a.m. before Worship and after Worship
Join us TODAY for LUNCH WITH REV. DOUG
In celebration of his 65th Birthday (November 11)!
Join us for 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

TODAY: REV. DOUG'S 65th BIRTHDAY PARTY will be happening after worship! Rev. Doug has made 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!

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 9 a.m. At 10:45 we will hold a brief Remembrance Day Ceremony on the Front Portico, with silence at 11 a.m.! After that Service, at Noon, Rev. Doug has made a reservation 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.

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects! Lots of cleanup to do, help is appreciated!

Workday at the Church—Thursday, November 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will set up for the Bingo!

BINGO! Saturday, November 15, 2025, 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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 11 a.m. “Hope in the Gloom” Steve McRae 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/Qioeai33Y2w>

Celebration of Life for Edward Van Minnen (Carol Courtney's spouse) —Sunday, November 16, 2025, visitation at 1 p.m., Memorial at 2 p.m. at Laidlaw Church, in the Sanctuary. Ed was a kind, thoughtful man, who always loved to give and receive candies, and smiled always. Ed will be missed and remembered.

Upcoming Events

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!

A Community Town Hall Event: My Three Angels Pictures Presents: Drawing a Line in the Sand Thursday, November 20, 2025, doors open at 6:30 p.m., event begins at 7 p.m. at Laidlaw. All voices matter. Your ideas can change the city! Join us and take action, help us build a safer community together! Volunteers welcomed. The Event is organized by Tyrone Greenidge and Shannon Hand—join us for an evening of brain storming and community building! For more information, contact: Shannon Hand: loveathandservices@yahoo.com and Tyrone Greenidge: ty@m3apictures.com The event will be Livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/gmEUGwBLyXU>

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! **TINSEL TOWN—One of a Kind Craft Vendors** Saturday, November 29, 2025, 10 a.m. till 3 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!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, December 4, 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 available at modest prices! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet Concert Sunday, December 7, 2025, 7 p.m. at Laidlaw. Join us for a concert of swinging Christmas tunes. Pay what you can, \$20 suggested, proceeds will help balance Laidlaw's 2025 Budget, with our thanks to the generous musicians of the Swingtet. Light refreshments will be available. Be part of the event, bring a friend!

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION at Laidlaw, Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 7 p.m. Join us for Carols, Communion and Candlelight as we celebrate a season of love, joy, and peace!

Our 1st ever LAIDLAW 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.*

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. Jehovah Jireh, we have been blessed in November so far. We still need to catch up to meet National United Church Dues by year end. 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.

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 has been filed, and we 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*' *is making excellent progress, lights and sound are being installed, and the blinds are installed!*

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!

Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



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