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

Remembrance Sunday

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Keep Your Porch Light On"

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

Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

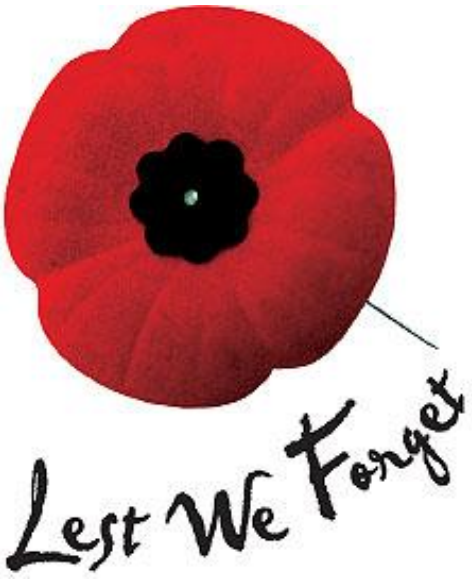
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

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



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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.*

Guest Musicians: *Jim Stewart on the Pipes, David Crown on the Trumpet.*

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 24, First Thessalonians 4, Matthew 25*

The Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**
The torch passed to us, that we might keep the light shining. **In reverence and remembrance, their light shines still.**
Before God, we make our promise—we will remember them! **We will remember them! God give us courage!**

Praise Hymn **527**

God, As with Silent Hearts

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.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

LORD God of Hosts, you ask us to make a promise, to remember, to serve each other, to seek peace and pursue it. In reverent remembrance, help us honour those who gave their lives to win the freedoms we enjoy, so that we may live in peace. Give us courage to use our freedom wisely and well, giving our lives in loving service. God of Hosts; be with us yet, lest we forget. In Jesus, show us obedience that passes through death to live again. By your Spirit, make us all children who know joy and learn 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 Pipes, Jim Stewart, Piper

Procession with the Flags

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 *David Crown, Trumpeter*
The Lament *Jim Stewart, Piper*
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!**

Reveille *David Crown, Trumpeter*

National Anthem **524**

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.

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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

In My Life

Words and Music: *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (Old Testament, page 215)*

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

Psalm Response **Tune:** *Hollingside 7777D moderate*

📖 *Psalm 78:1-7*

1. **Lend your ears, my people, now; hear my teaching, know my words! I will tell a parable!**
I will speak the ancient words! These are things we all have known, things our elders taught to us!
We'll not hide them from a child, we'll tell all God's glorious deeds!

2. **Generations still to come! Hear now of our God's great deeds! All God's might, God's wonders done:**
Laws in Israel, Jacob's rule! God commanded they be taught to our children not yet born,
so they'll set their hope in God; know and keep God's living law!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 *First Thessalonians 4:13-18 (New Testament, page 204)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

📖 *Matthew 25:1-13 (New Testament, page 28)*

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

Sermon

Keep Your Porch Light On

Gospel Hymn **679**

Let There Be Light

1. **Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;**
2. **Open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace;**
3. **Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;**
4. **Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name;**
5. **Your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language, your people speak together, your spirit never fade;**
6. **Let there be light; open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.**

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

You Raise Me Up

Words and Music: *Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland* **Arranger:** *Stephen DeCesare*

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.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn **806**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.
2. **Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;**
Sufficient is thine arm alone; and our defence is sure.
3. **Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, From**
everlasting thou are God, to endless years the same.
4. **A thousand ages in they sight are like an evening gone,**
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. **Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away;**
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**
Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Benediction and Commissioning

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, forevermore.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude on the Pipes

Join us for a Loaves and Fishes Lunch

Coffee at 10 a.m. before worship And Also:

After Worship Lunch together, 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 is usually in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. till noon. 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)

TAKE A LOOK! **There is a new series on Amazon Prime Video: 'The Greatest'** The series is a biography of Cassius Clay (Mohamed Ali) approved by his family. Some of the filming for the series was done at Laidlaw—you will see the interior of Laidlaw Church in the first episode—and there are more scenes at Laidlaw Church in later episodes. We are happy to have been a small part of this important series—and it's nice to see the result of welcoming filming at Laidlaw—check it out!

This Week at Laidlaw

TODAY: **Remembrance Sunday** Our thanks to Jim Stewart our piper for the day; and to David Crown for playing the trumpet. **Join us downstairs today for a Loaves and Fishes Lunch!** A donation of $5 for lunch is appreciated!

Office Hours! **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon,** coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! **Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug is off this Wednesday—celebrating his 66th Birthday!**

Thursday Office hours! **Thursday, November 12, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon!** We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together. Set up for Bingo!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—DEBORAH and BARAK**, The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Courage Required!",** ***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

***Women of Laidlaw Lunch and Meeting*—Monday, November 16, 2026, lunch at noon, meeting will follow!** All Women are welcome to be part of the meal and the meeting!

Long and McQuade Recital at Laidlaw, **Friday, November 20 and Saturday November 21, 2026**, lots of young people and their parents enjoying progress!

Laidlaw Council Meeting: **Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stu Hamilton Room.** This will be our fall meeting to get ready for the new year!

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!

RAIN READY HAMILTON **Fall Workshop with Adele Pierre, who designed the gardens at Laidlaw! Monday, November 30, 2026, Chili at 6 p.m., Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.** In association with our friends at Green Venture!

Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet Concert **Sunday, December 6, 2026, 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 2026 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 12, 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 $10 per person over 6 years Children 2-6 are $5 per person, under 2 years free!

Annual Turkey Dinner with the Women of Laidlaw **Monday, December 14, 2026, at noon!** RSVP to Carol or Kathi so we know how many people to cook for!

No Coal Christmas Concert with Myke Hutchings and Friends: Saturday, December 19, 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 Pageant is Coming! Pageant Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 19, at 10 am, Pageant Sunday and Lunch is Sunday, December 20 at 11 a.m. If you would like to be in the Pageant this year, speak to Drew!

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

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 thy 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 events and fundraisers at Laidlaw, and let people know they are always welcome at 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! We have been invited to apply for a 2026-2027 grant, and have done so.**

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 by 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.***











Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



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MIDNIGHT	WEDDING	TRIMMED	RANG	KINGDOM
BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS	WISE	WATCH	COME
DOOR	ASLEEP	HEAVEN	OIL	WOKE