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

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Deborah and Barak

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

"Courage Required"

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/FRkus8rGI10

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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!*

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 📖 *Judges 4, Psalm 123, First Thessalonians 5*

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

God provokes us beyond shame and fear, into joyful obedience! **Let us lift our hearts and seek God's mercy!**

In the light of God's grace, know the times and seasons! **Let us seek God's love; let us encourage each other!**

Hymn of Praise **567**

Will You Come and Follow Me

1. **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

3. **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

4. **Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

5. **Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Generous God, you teach us to live in hope with joy! You surprise us with freedom and opportunity! You give us light as we move forward in faith. Your love calls us to set aside our fears; and take up the work of embracing freedom and nurturing a better future for all. Teach us to know your seasons, God. In Jesus, show us the way to newfound joy and peace. Let your Spirit show us love that gives us courage to overcome our fears, Amen!

Anthem

Lord, Here Am I

Words: *Fanny Crosby (Isaiah 6:8)* **Music:** *Jay Althouse*

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture 📖 *Psalm 123*

Googling God—Look Up!



Young People Praying

Young People Singing no. **45** in *All God's Children Sing*

God loves you; God loves me!

Words and Music: Source Unknown, arr. Margaret Crain McNeil

1. **God loves you and I love you and that's the way it should be! Alleluia! God loves you and I love you and that's the way it should be!**

2. **God hears you, and I'll hear you, and that's the way it should be! Alleluia! God hears you! And I'll hear you, and that's the way it should be!**

3. **God helps you, and I'll help you, and that's the way it should be! Alleluia! God helps you, and I'll help you, and that's the way it should be!**

Coda: **God loves everyone; and God loves me!** *(3x)*

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!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 *Judges 4:1-7* *(Old Testament, page 220)*

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

Psalm Response **Tune:** *Rest (Elton) 86886 moderate*

📖 *Psalm 123*

1. **To you we lift our eyes, O God; to you, who rules the heav'ns! As eyes of servants seek the hand of masters, as maids seek their mistress, So we seek our God!**

2. **We seek your mercy on our souls! Have mercy on us God! For we have had enough contempt, our souls have had their fill of scorn, from those who rest in pride.**

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 *First Thessalonians 5:1-11* *(New Testament, page 205)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

📖 *Matthew 25:14-30* *(New Testament, page 28)*

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

Sermon

Courage Required

Gospel Hymn **468**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1. **Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain: **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

2. **Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** *Refrain*

3. **Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!** *Refrain*

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Times They Are a-Changing

Words and Music: *Bob Dylan*

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 **675**

Will Your Anchor Hold

1. **Will your anchor hold in the storms of life? When the clouds unfold their wings of strife, when the strong tides lift and the cables strain, will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

Refrain: **We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

2. **It will surely hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers tell that the reef is near; though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow, not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.** *Refrain*

3. **It will surely hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill our latest breath; on the rising tide it can never fail while our hopes abide within the veil.** *Refrain*

4. **When our eyes behold, through the gathering night, the city of gold, our harbour bright, we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore, with the storms all past for evermore.** *Refrain*

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!** *Refain*

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 after Worship

Join us for 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 and third 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

***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!

Office Hours! **Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon,** coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon!** Coffee is on, help is appreciated!

Thursday Office hours! **Thursday, November 19, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon!** We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together.

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

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—REIGN of CHRIST SUNDAY*, Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. "A Crown of Thorns", *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/F_C_2qtVhWs

Laidlaw Council Meeting: **Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stu Hamilton Room.** This will be our fall meeting, we have some important decisions to make as we prepare for the new year!

Upcoming Events

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, 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, 2 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!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers…all writers! **Thursday, December 10, 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

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!

2026 Christmas Memorials Christmas Memorials will be published for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. Donations this year will cover the cost of producing the memorial lists for the Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve Services, and we will direct the rest of the proceeds to the Memorial Fund. Christmas Memorial Donations should be minimum $10.00.

Benevolent Bell Tree – If you would like to contribute to Laidlaw's Benevolent Fund, 'purchase' a Benevolent Bell! At least $5 in the envelope marked "Benevolent Bell" in the offering plate, and your name will appear on a bell on the tree. Donations support Laidlaw's Benevolent Fund—some amazing kindness and help has been made possible by this fund!





White Gift Sunday: is Sun. Dec. 6th this year. Laidlaw supports the Wesley hamper program, with our 'Mitten tree' and with the proceeds gathered on White Gift Sunday of non-perishable food items, personal items (toothpaste, brushes etc.), small gifts, new toys, cash donations! **The Knitting Group has knitting for purchase for the Mitten Tree, see Elizabeth!**

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!

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.***









The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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