



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th 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

Reign of Christ Survey

“Kingdom Come”

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/0Ct6pE2uxgQ>

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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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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: *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

📖 Jeremiah 23, Luke 23

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

God is our Good Shepherd, who gathers us together! In Jesus, we see God, who shows us Paradise!

God helps us; and shows us the path from fear to joy! In joyful freedom God calls us to prayer and praise!

Hymn of Praise

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Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

LORD God, you for us, and gather us in love. You are our shepherd and guide, leading us toward joy and peace. Make us strong with all the strength that comes from your redeeming love. Guide us through darkness to joy. Redeeming God, save us, we pray! Give us courage to follow Jesus even to the cross. By your Spirit lead us to peace and joy that endure, Amen!

Anthem

The Greatest Joy

Words and Music: James T. Owen

We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

Youth and Scripture

📖 Colossians 1:19

Looking for God

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 78 in *All God's Children Sing*

God is Like

Words and Music: Lesley J. Clare, copyright 1990

1. God is like a flashlight shining in the dark, shining in the dark,
God is like a flashlight, shining in the dark, that's what God is like!
2. God is like a mother giving me a hug...
3. God is like a father, saying 'Welcome home!'
4. God is like cold water on a hot, dry day...
5. God is like a loaf of bread, shared by all around...
6. God is like my best friend, calling me by name...

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The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Old Testament, page 725)

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

Psalms Response


Tune: MELCOMBE L.M.

📖 Luke 1:68-79, Zechariah's Song


1. Bless'd be the LORD of Israel! For God's redeeming grace has come!
Our God has raised a saviour strong for us in loyal David's house!
2. As God spoke through old prophet's mouths, that God will save from evil's hate.
Thus God has shown the promised grace, remembering his covenant!
3. The oath God swore to Abraham that we would live in freedom's joy;
Freedom to serve the LORD our God, no more in fear, in holiness!
4. And you, child, will be called 'Most High'; for you prepare the way of God!
You show what saves, forgiveness bring, by tender mercy bring us light!
5. Bless'd be the LORD of Israel! For God's redeeming grace has come!
In death's dark vale, a light has shone, to guide our feet the way of peace!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Colossians 1:11-20* (New Testament, page 200)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 23:33-43* (New Testament, page 89)
This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Kingdom Come

Gospel Hymn

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. **Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.** *refrain*
2. **Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in unity combine.** *refrain*
3. **Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.** *refrain*
4. **Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.** *refrain*
5. **So shall our song of triumph ever be praise to the Crucified for victory.** *refrain*

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Forever Young

Words and Music: Rod Stewart, Jim Cregan, Kevin Savigar, Bob Dylan

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.

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. **Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.**
2. **Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**
3. **Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
4. **By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia to the Lord.
Jesus is King and Lord of all... He's coming back to take us home... Sing Alleluia to the Lord...

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!



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!

This Week at Laidlaw

Film Crew at Laidlaw this Monday and Tuesday has been postponed to January!

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 9 a.m. Join us for coffee, conversation!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects! Lots of cleanup to do, help is appreciated! **We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas!**

Workday at the Church—Thursday, November 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will set up for Tinsel Town!

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—tables are sold out! There will be a Raffle, draws at 2 p.m. Donations for the raffle table are welcomed!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—First of Advent Communion, Sunday, November 30, 2025, at 11 a.m. “Hip Hope” 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 Livestream** at <https://youtube.com/live/tYiafYYt0-k>

Upcoming Events

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 anymodel@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!

Laidlaw Turkey Dinner—Monday, December 8, 2025, Dinner at noon! A celebration with our United Church Women—all women, members, and friends, are welcome to attend—Rev. Doug will bake turkey and dressing, our happy Christmas feast, please join us!

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!

Nicole Christian’s Students Recital at Laidlaw Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Seasonal Songs of Hope and Joy Sunday, December 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Presented by Gary Santucci on Guitar and Pamela Blackwood Marques on Vocals! Tickets are \$25 online at ticketscene.ca

Music Stand Christmas Recital at Laidlaw Saturday, December 20, 2024, morning and afternoon.

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 8PM: a big show with music, comedy, and lots of surprises at 9PM: and a sparkling-cider toast at midnight. Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit <https://www.laidlaw.live>

BINGO! Saturday, January 17, 2026, 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!

Rescheduled! FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, featuring BAD GUYS 2, Friday, January 23, 2026, 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

2025 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. 7th 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!**



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>

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!*

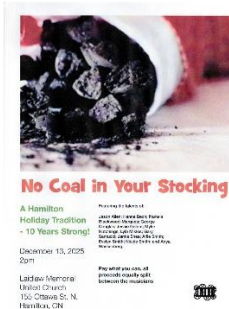
Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps, go to laidlawchurch.ca and click the "Donation" button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make 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 tinsel town! 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!



Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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