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

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Reign of Christ Sunday

"Crown of Thorns"

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

Sunday, November 22, 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!

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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 📖 *Ephesians 1, Psalm 100*

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
God calls us to gather and know each other in the light of Christ!
Jesus helps us understand—we all share our hope that God will help us!
Let us seek God's kingdom; sharing our joys and sorrows.
Let us worship the LORD our God and find our way to gladness!

Hymn of Praise **330**

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)*

Gathering God, you are bringing people to a place of joy, peace, and safety. You lift the weak!
You help us see your Holy Spirit at work in others and in ourselves, so that we can welcome one another; so that we may work together for good, embracing your kingdom of love and service.
Enlighten our hearts, God! In Jesus, reveal to us the power of humility and kindness. By your Spirit give us courage to obey your rule of love, Amen.

Anthem

The Greatest Joy
Words and Music: *James T. Owens*

We Hear God's Word

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



Youth and Scripture 📖 *Ephesians 1:8; Matthew 25:40*

The Eyes of Your Heart Enlightened

Young People Singing no. **48** in *All God's Children Sing*

Shout for God!
Words: *Watler Farquharson* **Music:** *Ron Klusmeier*

1. **Shout for God! Make a Happy Sound! Clap for God! God is all around!**
2. **Hush for God! Let the quiet sing. Wait for God! Deepest feelings bring.**
3. **Sing for God! Sing a pleasant song! Work for God! Good replaces wrong!**
4. **Praise our God! Care for all God's friends! Love our God! God's love never ends!**

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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

📖 *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Old Testament, page 803)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm Response **Tune:** *St. Catherine 888888 moderately fast*

📖 *Psalm 100*

1. **Make joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with glad, happy hearts!**
Come near our God with a voice raised in song! Know that the LORD is God, who made us!
Chorus: **The LORD is good! God's love endures! God's faithfulness to every age!**
2. **We are God's people, the sheep of God's fold, Enter God's gates and give joyful thanks!**
Enter God's court with the high sound of praise! Give thanks to God, Bless God's holy Name!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 *Ephesians 1:15-23 (New Testament, page 192)*
This is the Witness of the Church! **Thanks be to God!**

Lesson from the Gospel

📖 *Matthew 25:31-46* *(New Testament, page 29)*

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

Sermon

A Crown of Thorns

Gospel Hymn **338**

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

1. **Ask me what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so,**
what the high reward I win, whose the name I glory in: Jesus Christ, the crucified.
2. **Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes?**
Who revives my fainting heart, healing all that grief imparts? Jesus Christ, the crucified.
3. **Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?**
Who holds all my days secure, in God's heart where love is sure? Jesus Christ, the crucified.
4. **This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:**
faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who triumphed o'er the grave, Jesus Christ, the crucified.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Come Together

Words and Music: *John Lennon, Paul McCartney*

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 **570**

Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands

1. **Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,**
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. **Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you, make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;**
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Benediction and Commissioning

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

TODAY: 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!

Office Hours! **Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon,** coffee will be on, help is appreciated! We will begin to set up downstairs for the November 28 Penny Sale; and make a start at decorating upstairs for Christmas!

Wednesday Office Hours! **Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon!** Coffee is on, help is appreciated! The decorating for Christmas; and setting up for Penny Sale Continue!

Thursday Office hours! **Thursday, November 26, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon!** We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, we will set the Penny Sale in order for Saturday!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Communion on the First Sunday of Advent*, Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 11 a.m. "When Hope is an Asset", *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/zft1jAy6jtw

***Holiday Memorial Service at L.G. Wallace*, Sunday, November 29, 2026, doors open at 1 p.m., Service at 1:30 p.m.** This service welcomes everyone in our community. A time to remember and gather with others experiencing loss, grief, and recovery. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events

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!

ARTWORD STUDIO AT LAIDLAW: Artword Mini-Cine at Laidlaw **Tuesday, December 1, 2026, doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 7 p.m.** Come see 'The Pajama Game', staring Doris Day! **December 8, 2026,** come see 'Witness for the Prosecution, by Agatha Christi. **December 15, 2026,** Come see 'Alice's Restaurant', 'You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant'.

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.**

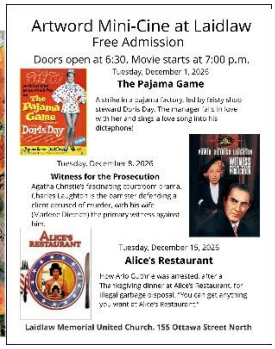
GRANT PROGRESS: **The report for the Ontario Anti-Hate Program has been completed, and the report made.** This year, the $7500.00 grant has provided for the upgrade to the camera system to allow monitoring in the sanctuary and church hall, upgraded the church internet security and network equipment, 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.***











Word Search Puzzle

Matthew 25:31-46

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