



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

Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

The Second Sunday of Advent

White Gift Sunday
"Peace Wolf"

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/jyNUhmmBBAE>

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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!

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

The Second Advent Candle:

PEACE

📖 Isaiah 11:6

Christmas is getting closer! This week we can light two Advent Candles!

The first candle is called 'Hope'; the new candle is called 'Peace'.

Christmas can be busy! Peace would be welcome!

The first advent candle is re-lit, and a second (purple) advent candle is lit...

How does God keep the promise to lead us to peace?

Isaiah said that God would send a child to lead us; When we welcome God's child, we welcome peace!

But children are noisy, and full of questions! But a child does not come with a sword or an army.

Jesus came with love and hope, not a sword or an army!

We believe when we welcome Jesus' birth, we welcome God's peace!

Carol of Praise

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold, 'Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King!'

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled; and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,

and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the love song which they bring.

O hush the noise, and cease your strife, to hear the angels sing.

4. For, lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,

and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Advent Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Peace, your judgement is peace: teaching the wolf to be a lamb, and the lamb to be a wolf.

We confess: We are afraid to turn and repent. We want peace, but we are afraid to work for peace. Burn what is chaff in us; gather what is good in us as wheat into your granary.

God of Peace; help us learn peace. In Jesus, show us justice and truth that redeems all our lives. By your Spirit, let peace fill us with joy, Amen!

Advent Assurance of Grace

📖 Isaiah 11, Romans 15, Matthew 3

A root shall come from the stump of Jesse; and bring justice. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

The God of hope will fill us with joy and peace in believing. The chaff will be burned; the good grain will be gathered.

Anthem

Who Is This Tiny Child

Words and Music: Jay Castelli Arranger: Jay Althouse

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

📖 Romans 15:7

Learning to Give White Gifts

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 61 in *All God's Children Sing*

Blessed be the God of Israel

Words: Michael Perry Music: Hal Hopson 'Merle's Tune'



Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace!


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

📖 Isaiah 11:1-10 (Old Testament, page 640)


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

 *Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*

1. O God, give the king your justice, let the king's son know what's right!
May he judge the people rightly, may the poor in justice thrive!
2. May the mountains make us wealthy; and the hills teach righteousness;
May the king defend a good cause, lifting up those who are poor!
3. May the king give to the needy, and put down oppressive schemes.
May his rule endure like sunshine; like the moon, a constant light.
4. May the king be like a new rain—like a show'r that brings new life!
In his days, let right ways flourish, and peace, 'til the moon is gone!
5. Blessed be the God of Israel, who alone does wond'rous things!
Blessed be God's name forever; Amen! Let God's glory shine!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 15:4-13* (New Testament, page 163)

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 3:1-12* (New Testament, page 2)

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

Sermon

Peace Wolf

Gospel Hymn

All Poor Ones, and Humble

1. All poor ones and humble and all those who stumble, come hastening, and feel not afraid;
for Jesus, our treasure, with love past all measure, in lowly poor manger was laid.
Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him, yet oxen they gave him their hay,
and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty; contented in manger he lay.
Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him; our service he ne'er can despise;
whose love still is able to show us that stable, where softly in manger he lies.
2. The Christ Child will lead us, the Good Shepherd feed us and with us abide till his day.
Then hatred he'll banish; then sorrow will vanish, and death and despair flee away.
And he shall reign ever, and nothing shall sever from us the great love of our King;
his peace and his pity shall bless his fair city; his praises we ever shall sing.
Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him; our service he ne'er can despise;
whose love still is able to show us that stable, where softly in manger he lies.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Lady Madonna

Words and Music: Paul McCartney and John Lennon

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

Il est né (He Is Born)

- Refrain:* He is born, little Child divine; play on the reeds while the lutes are strumming.
He is born, little Child divine; join the song to announce the day.
1. Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;
through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! *Refrain*
 2. O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! *Refrain*
 3. Lowly lodged in a stable poor, laid on straw for his infant cradle.
Lowly lodged in a stable poor, God came down to our mortal aid. *Refrain*
 4. Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us your heavenly peace. *Refrain*

Commissioning and Benediction

² Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
 Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
 He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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



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

TODAY! 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! If you can't come in person, there will be a livestream at: <https://youtube.com/live/cyKoPN2c4MY> and you can support the evening by making a donation with the 'Donate' button at www.laidlawchurch.ca We are grateful to Peter and Wendy Banting and the members of the Swingtet for their generosity in donating the proceeds of the event to support Laidlaw!

Laidlaw Turkey Dinner—Monday, December 8, 2025, Dinner at noon! A celebration with our United Church Women—Rev. Doug will bake turkey and dressing, our happy Christmas feast and Celebration!

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

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects! Lots of cleanup to do, help is appreciated! We will be getting crafts ready for Lunch with Santa, etc.!

Workday at the Church—Thursday, December 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc-Anon groups meet.

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 11 a.m. "Oh Joy!" Olivia Brown 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! **We will gather Benevolent Offerings for Laidlaw's Benevolent Fund.** If you know a family who could use help this Christmas, speak to Rev. Doug. **Worship Livestream at** <https://youtube.com/live/ymPBcJ18EQo>

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

Upcoming Events

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

Christmas Pageant at Laidlaw, Sunday December 20, 2025, at 11 a.m. Lunch Follows! If you would like to be a player in the pageant, see Drew!

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 **LIDLAW 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>

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, January 8, 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

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!

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!

Please go online and give feedback to Green Venture on the garden project at Laidlaw! Use your phone's camera to open the online survey! Let's all offer feedback, as a measure of our thanks to all those who supported this project at Laidlaw—see the poster below!

LAST CALL! 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>

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.*

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!*

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 now look to meet December payroll by December 7, 2025, and we need to work toward paying at least a portion of the National United Church of Canada 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.

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 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!

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program: the report has been filed, and an application for next year is in the works! 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!

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"A Christmas Tradition" featuring... **Peter Banting**
SWINGTET...



Sunday, December 7, 2025, 7 p.m.
at Laidlaw Memorial United Church
155 Ottawa Street North at Cannon Street
Pay What You Can. \$20 suggested
Light refreshments will be available
proceeds will help balance the 2025 church budget!
With Thanks for the generosity of the musicians!

Lunch with Santa

at Laidlaw Memorial United Church
155 Ottawa Street North at Cannon Street
Saturday, December 13, 2025
Lunch Served at 11:00 a.m.
Santa will visit at 12:00 p.m.!

Chilli & Hot Dogs served at 11 a.m.
Santa and Phineas arrive at noon
A picture with Santa, Christmas Craft Time
All included with Lunch!



Tickets:
\$8 per person over 6 years old.
\$4 for children 2-6 years old.
Children under 2 years old are free!
Get Your Tickets!
At the Candy Cane Bazaar,
November 8, 2025, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m.
or call the Church Office at 905 544 6536
Advance Tickets Only—Get Yours Early!

CHRISTMAS AT LAIDLAW

You're Welcome to Join us!
For these Christmas Events!
In Person and Online


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - COMMUNION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC, CHILDREN'S TIME, COFFEE HOUR, CONVERSATION, GAMES IN THE GYM!

WHITE GIEZ SERVICE, THE SECOND OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
WE WILL HEAR THE WHITE GIEZ, FOOD, HATS AND HOTTIES, CONVERSATION OF WESLEY CENTRE, JOYLANDER CHRISTMAS MUSIC, CHILDREN'S TIME, COFFEE HOUR, CONVERSATION, GAMES IN THE GYM!
PETER BANTING SYMPHONY CONCERT, DECEMBER 7, 2025, 7 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
BENEFITTING BELL. THE JOYLANDER CHRISTMAS MUSIC, CONVERSATION OF WESLEY CENTRE, JOYLANDER CHRISTMAS MUSIC, CHILDREN'S TIME, COFFEE HOUR, CONVERSATION, GAMES IN THE GYM!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
A COFFEE HOUR, CONVERSATION, GAMES IN THE GYM!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
WE TAKE CARE TO HAVE THIS SERVICE WELCOMING TO NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS.
MAKE THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE PART OF YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!



No Coal in Your Stocking

A Hamilton Holiday Tradition - 10 Years Strong!

December 13, 2025
2pm

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
155 Ottawa St. N.
Hamilton, ON

Pay what you can, all proceeds equally split between the musicians!

SEASONAL SONGS OF HOPE & JOY

CARY SANTUCCI CLASSICAL GUITARIST

14 DEC 07 PM

PAMELA BLACKWOOD MARQUES SOPRANO

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NEW YEAR'S EVE
SOBER SPECTACULAR

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7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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