



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pageant Sunday

“The Peaceable Kingdom”

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/Xu0qqOV3MK0>

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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.

Minister: Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.



Laidlaw Memorial United Church Christmas Memorial 2025



In Loving Memory of

Len Ferguson, My Loving Husband
by Merily Ferguson

Antonio Scacchi, My Husband
Members of the Walsh Family
by Nancy Scacchi

Peter Crown and Esther Sweet
by David and Carol Crown

David Osterback
by Linda Lucas

June Burgher
by Jane and Drew Walker

Frank Whitehead, My Husband
by Marjorie Whitehead

Family and Friends
by Bob Barlow

Molly McDonald, My Mother
by Heather Shaw

Evelyn & Eileen Burris
Eileen & Jack McLean,
Ian & Evelyn Campbell
Julie and Larry Martin,
Fred Clarkson Aunt Kay,
Aunt Molly Mr. and Mrs. Dyna,
Violet Pam & Gordy Carey
Wendy and Bob Southall
Barb Lawrence,

Josie and Tiber Chontos
Kay Southall, Grandma Imrie
Stella Naves, my best friend.

Jodi Zimmerman
by Elizabeth Chontos and Family

Terry and Connie Rowsell
Charlene Conkey
by Kathi Austin

Shirley Marie Moore
Charles and Florence Chambers
by Ben Moore and Rev. Doug Moore
Bryan and Edna Blair, Beloved Parents
by Peter Blair



Danial Aaron Glover, Beloved Son
by Cheryl and Dennis Glover

Ed VanMinnen, my husband
Harris Usher, my father
Rhea Usher-Finch, my mother
by Carol Courtney

Alexander (Junior) Gillis, Husband, Father
Stella and Jack Naves, Parents, Grandparents

Jackie Naves,
Roy Saunders, Sandra Naves
by Estelle and Eric Naves

My Loved Ones
by Myrtle DiBartolo

Our Loving Family
And Our Beloved Pets
by Peter and Wendy Banting

Wayne McNally
Loving Husband, Best Dad and Papa
Patrick Rodrigue, Our Brother
by Colleen McNally

Patrick Rodrigue, Our Brother
From your sisters, Kathy, Colleen and Gladys

Albert (Eddie) Redburn
and our Families
by Audrey Redburn

Wayne Folk, Beloved Husband, Dad and Grandpa
My Family
by Evelyn Folk

Doris Oldfield, Thomas (Larry) Padfield
Gillian Howarth, Joan Bond,
Sharon Jean Larocque, Joan Redburn,
Dave Pashko, Nick Audician,
Maurice (Moe) Bond
by Janet Bond

Geoffrey Lawrence, Loving Husband
Wyn and Betty Cooke, Beloved Parents
Eileen Burris, Best Friend
by Dorothy Lawrence

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call

The Fourth Advent Candle:

LOVE

📖 Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-22

It's only a few more days until Christmas!

Today we can light all four candles around the wreath: but not the white candle!

'Hope', 'Peace', and 'Joy'—today the circle is completed with 'Love'!

Love is where hope and peace and joy are leading us.

The hope, peace and joy candles are re-lit, the remaining (purple) advent candle is lit...

Isaiah said that the child born for us would be called 'Emmanuel'

That name for the Messiah, 'Emmanuel', means "God with us".

We know God is with us when we feel love: because God is love!

When Jesus is born, Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us, helping us.

We believe that Jesus was born so that we would know God loves us all!



Carol of Praise

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Once in Royal David's City

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849

1. Once in royal David's city stood lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who, with God, is over all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. There among the poor and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew, he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus, he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Unison)

Loving God, our Creator, you fill this world with wonders. You do what is unexpected. You do what is impossible! Give us the courage to believe your love. Give us the wisdom to express your love in art and symbol, in songs and prayers. Lift us up, so that we realize what seems ordinary is extraordinary! Give us courage, God! Through Jesus—who is born in a stable—strengthen our hope. By the power of your Spirit, make the impossible possible, Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

📖 Psalm 80, Isaiah 7, Matthew 1

When we turn, and seek God, there is light, and we are saved!

God is not weary of us; God has sent us a child to show us the way.

The child who has been born is called Emmanuel, 'God with us'.

We name him 'Jesus', for he saves the people from their sins.

Anthem

Hurry to Bethlehem

Words and Music: Lloyd Larson

We Hear God's Word

The Peaceable Kingdom

Written by Rev. Doug Moore, adapted from the drama 'The Peaceable Kingdom' by LeeDell Stickler

Scene 1: Don't Eat Me!

Pageant Hymn

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Scene 2: Wait and Watch!

Pageant Hymn

Rocking Carol

1. Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir; we will lend a coat of fur; we will rock you, rock you, rock you.
We will rock you, rock you, rock you; see the fur to keep you warm, snugly round your tiny form.
2. Mary's little baby sleep, sweetly sleep, sleep in comfort, slumber deep; we will rock you, rock you, rock you. We will rock you, rock you, rock you; we will do all that we say, this and always, every day!

Scene 3: The Rest of Us

Pageant Hymn

We three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we travel so far.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain. Following yonder star.
Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night. Star with Royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! peals through the earth and skies.

Scene 4: The First Straw?

Pageant Hymn

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled" Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies. With angelic host
proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the godhead see Hail the incarnate diety. Pleased with us
in flesh to dwell Jesus, Our Emmanuel Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the new born King"
3. Hail! The heaven-born prince of peace Hail! The son of righteousness Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings Mild he lays his glory by Born that we no more may die. Born to raise us
from the earth born to give us second birth Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the new born King"

The pageant players take a bow...and 'wish you a Merry Christmas'

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

And God Said Yes

Words and Music: Norman C. Habel and Richard Koehnke ©1968

1. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Said yes to the world once more, Said yes with a cosmic roar,
said open that other door Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
2. For God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let's splash the sky with light, Let's float the earth in space,
Let's dance away the night. Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
3. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let's make a people free, Complete the mystery,
and loving Earth with me. Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
4. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Let Jesus Christ be born! Let's find him in the straw!
Let's blast the shepherd's horn! Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
5. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes to his broken son! Yes to his open wound!
Yes to the broken tomb! Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
6. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! We'll leap the swirling sky, We'll leap the hungry grave!
We'll never stop to die, Said Yes! Yes! Yes! Friend, Yes!
7. And God said, Yes! Yes! Yes! Said yes to that other door! Says yes when we say no!
Says yes with a cosmic roar! Says yes, yes, yes, with me!

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give him my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Words and Music: West Indian Carol

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain: He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom.

He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom. Oh, yes! believer!

Oh, yes! believer! He come from the glory, (clap, clap) he come from the glorious kingdom.

2. The angels sang when the baby was born, the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus.
3. The shepherds came where the baby was born, the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus.

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Benediction and Commissioning

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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- 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!

Join us for Coffee Hour!
At 10 a.m. before Worship
AFTER WORSHIP TODAY: PAGEANT LUNCH
Join us for lunch 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!



OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug will be in the Church Office Tuesday and Wednesday this week. **Between Christmas and New Years, Office Hours will be suspended. Rev. Doug will return to the Office on Friday, January 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. till noon! 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!

OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE to The Mandarin Restaurant at the Centre Mall! They have graciously chosen to make a charitable gift of \$500.00 to Laidlaw Church, supporting our work in this Community. We thank them for their kindness, and for being a delicious part of our community, and a place to celebrate together! It is wonderful to have the Mandarin nearby now! Please express your thanks for their kindness the next time you visit the Mandarin!

A SWINGING THANK YOU to the Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet! It's not Christmas at Laidlaw without the Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet bringing the cheer of the season to Laidlaw, a beloved tradition for many years now. This year, Ruth St. Armand, Chris Walton, John Stephen, James Locke, Urmas Soomet, David Crown, Jeff Goodall, and Keith Kindree kindly and generously donated their time and talent to bring Christmas to Laidlaw on Sunday, December 7, 2025. **In 2025, with the Spring Concert proceeds of \$522.00, and Christmas concert proceeds of \$401.85 the Swingtet has graciously contributed a total of \$923.85 to help Laidlaw keep the beacon shining! Our thanks and appreciation for the Swingtet's amazing talent, kindness, and contribution, and to Dr. Banting for his leadership and generosity!**

This Week at Laidlaw

Funeral for Jodi Zimmerman, Monday, December 22, 2025, 11 a.m. at Kitching Steeple Funeral Home in Waterdown.

Our condolences to the Zimmerman family, and to Elizabeth Chontos.

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 9 a.m. Big day to get ready for Christmas Eve! Help is welcomed!

Office Hours, Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Getting ready for Christmas and beyond, coffee will be on and help is appreciated!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION at Laidlaw, Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 7 p.m. Join us for Carols, Communion, Music and Candlelight as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, and this season of love, joy, and peace! **Worship Livestream** at <https://youtube.com/live/7mNe5mV6nuA>

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The First Sunday of Christmas! Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. “Hospitality” Olivia Brownteve 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! **Pageant Lunch will Follow Worship on Pageant Sunday!** **Worship Livestream** at <https://youtube.com/live/HzLN5pJc4eI>

Upcoming Events

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>

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 anyamodel@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!

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 have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you’d like to help with these fundraising efforts!

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—see the poster below!

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!**

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!

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 met the December payroll, but there will be legal expenses to address in December, as well as catching up National Church dues, sigh! 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.

Jesus Is Coming to Town

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 1:18-25



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