

Confirmation Candidates

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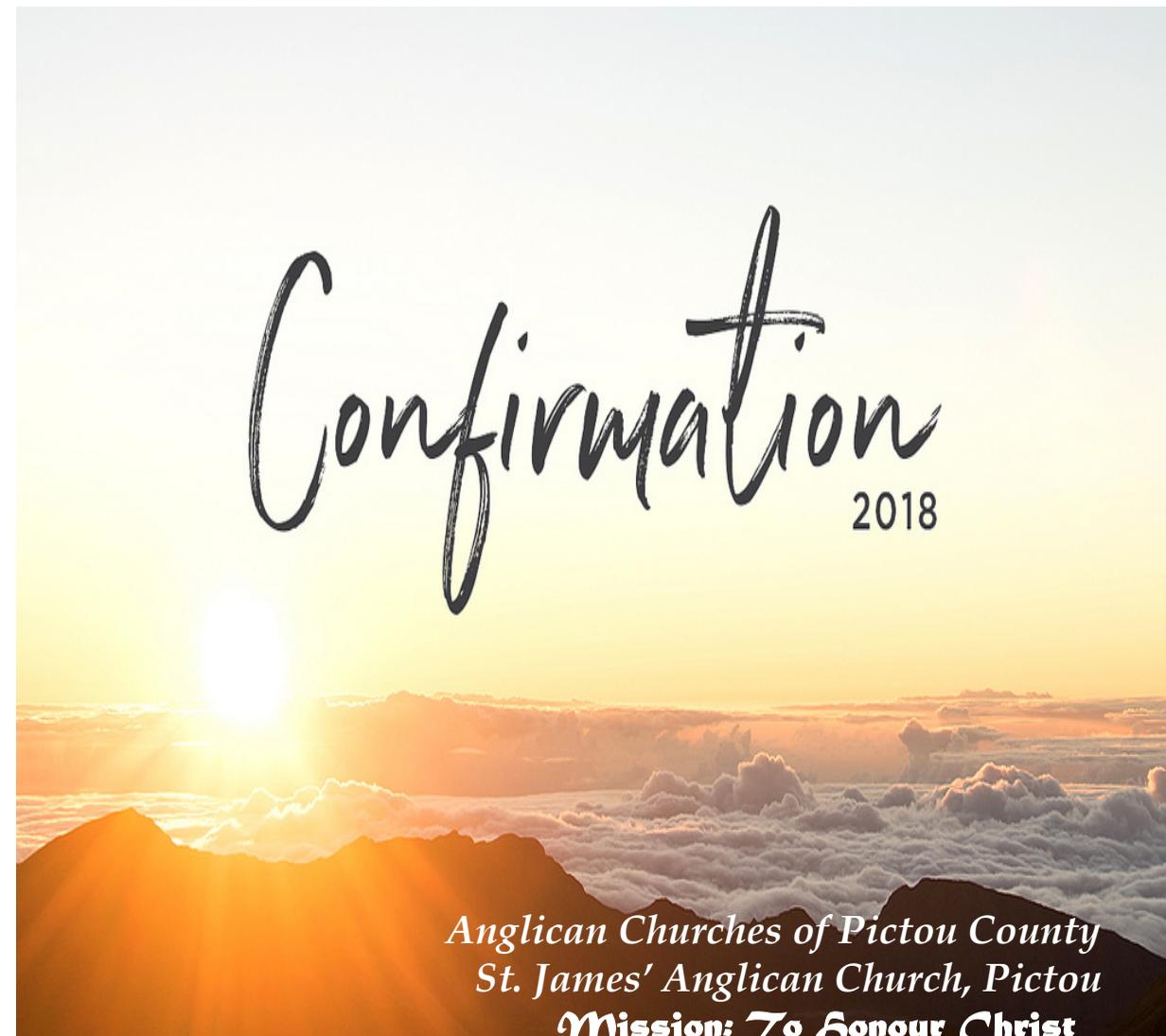
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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.



*Anglican Churches of Pictou County
St. James' Anglican Church, Pictou
Mission: To Honour Christ*

Archbishop Ron Cutler

Rector The Reverend Darlene Jewers

Music: Martha White and ACPC Choirs

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Processional Hymn "I am Building a People of Power"

For I'm building a people of power and I'm making a people of praise.

That will move thro' this land by my spirit, and will glorify my precious name.

Build your chuch, Lord, make us strong, Lord. Join our hearts, Lord through your son. Make us one, Lord, in your body, in the kingdom of your son.

D. Richards 1977 Thankyou Music CCLI 1797189

“God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 2.14

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

There is one body and one Spirit, **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all.**

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, **or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;** but their delight is in the law of the Lord, **and on his law they meditate day and night.** They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, **and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.** The wicked are not so, **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;** for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: “Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluiah, Alleluiah.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word,

That proceeds from the mouth of God. Alleluiah, Alleluiah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,

Knock and the door shall be opened up to you. Alleluiah, Alleluiah

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Presentation and Examination

I present *these persons* for confirmation

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help

Prayers

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Archbishop Ron: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants Sean, Shyanne, Felicity and Jack with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life.

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn "God the Creator"

God the creator, you in love made me who once was nothing but now have grown.

I bring the best of all my life offers; for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the saviour, you in love called me who once was no one, lost and alone.

I pledge to go wherever you summon, making your will my own.

O God the spirit, you in love move me who once was nowhere and felt unknown.

I know my need of you for companion; all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together to be the church in which faith is sown,

I make my promise to live for Jesus and let the world know all are his own.

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Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface for the Lord's Day

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the

Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

All: O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the nations, have mercy on us. O lamb of God you take away the guilt of creation, have mercy on us. O lamb of God I am not worthy yet say but one word that will heal my wounded spirit. O lamb of God you take away the sins of your people, o grant us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to join in the Communion.

Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me,

The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, Though none go with me, I still will follow,

Though none go with me, I still will follow, No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

Carl Tuttle

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Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

EFM Graduation Liturgy

Celebrant: Will the EFM graduate and the mentor please come forward? Also will all current and past EFM students in the congregation please come forward?

Mentor: Today we celebrate the graduation of Gladys Morgan, who has completed four years in Education for Ministry – studying the scriptures, church history, and theology. For all students in EFM, these years are also marked by community, reflecting on living out our beliefs in our daily lives, and purposely seeking where God is calling us to ministry. Let us join together with our EFM graduates in this celebration.

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. We are called to develop these gifts in programs like EFM, and use these gifts to God's purpose.

Celebrant to Mentor: Is this person, Gladys, whom you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by knowledge of her faith, to exercise her ministries to the honor of God and the well being of his Church?

Mentor: Yes she is.

Celebrant: Remembering that we are all ministers of the Church, let us recite together from the catechism...

Celebrant: What is the ministry of the laity?

Congregation: The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

Celebrant to Graduate:

Gladys, Will you continue to develop your gifts and learn about God and his people; and execute the duties of your ministries faithfully and reverently to the honor of God, and the benefit of his people?

Graduate: I will.

Celebrant to Congregation: Will you, support Gladys in her ministries and renew your own baptismal covenant to renounce Satan, repent of your sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

Congregation: We will

Mentor: on behalf of your EFM group and the School of Theology of the University of the South and Education for Ministry, Canada, I present you with your certificate.

Congregation: Dear God who calls everyone to ministry. You give each of us the ability to serve others. We ask for the insight, discernment & courage to act when needed. We give thanks for the opportunity to serve and for our Church community that supports us in our ministry. May your Spirit be a constant companion through our joys and sorrows and our routine days, that we may feel your love always. Amen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania Mpwapwa - (Tanzania)
The Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Staff and Students at the Atlantic School of Theology,
University of King's College, Halifax, Kings-Edgehill School, Windsor. The
programmes of Discernment, Training and Formation for Ordained Ministry

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of
Indigenous Peoples Bishop Mark McDonald

Pictou County Council of Churches: Springville, St. Paul's and Calvin Presbyterian

ACW Prayer Partner Ministry: We pray for St. Andrews', Cole Harbour

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James' and Gloria Dort, Agnes Doucette, Joan
Doucette, Tiye Doughty, Jay Dunlop, Ron & Carol Dunn, Joyce Eaton, Margaret
England, Melanie Erkvaara, Gary Esling, Hubert & Helen Esling, Judy Fanning,
Norman & Jean Ferguson, Stacey & Jason Ferguson, Joe Fiander, Laurie Finch

Memorials

Christ Church Defibrillator Fund

In Loving Memory of **Louis and Hazel Dumaresque** given by Susan, Chris, Sarah, &
Jack Higdon

In Loving Memory of **George and Grace Colbourne** given by Bill & Lynn Colbourne

Parish Prayer List

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| Bob Austin | Karen Jeffery | Muriel Jackson | Kerstin |
| Ruth Myles | Dagmar Hubley | Gordon Clarke | Erma Chenell |
| Laura Kelly | Rev Bill White | Bill Colbourne | John MacLean |
| Carvell Riley | Debbie Haley | Dianne Hardy | Carla Bate |
| Cheryl Lynds | Evan Crowe | Mary MacKeigan | Brian Kelly |
| Nancy Marcott | Martha White | Bruce Heighton | Donnie MacDonald |
| Amanda, Davis, | Robyn | Neil MacDonald | Betty MacLeod |

Church Announcements

ACPC Council Meeting Tuesday September 25th at 1pm at Christ Church

**Regional Council Wednesday October 3rd at St. Georges Church with Archbishop Ron
with potluck, ACPC has been asked to bring hot dishes.**

St. Bees'

Card Socials: Every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm

Food Bank donations will be collected every 3rd Sunday of the month.

St. Bees' Soup & Dessert Luncheon Thursday September 27th 11:15am-1pm Takeout
available Cost \$8.00

St. Bees' Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the church hall
at 10am. Everyone Welcome.

St. Bees' Christmas Tea & Sale featuring Chicken a la King Saturday November 17th
2-4pm Bake Table New to you Admission \$8 Everyone Welcome

St. James'

Food Bank Donations collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

Coffee Hour after the 11:15am service on the **3rd** Sunday of the month.

Christ Church

Notice: On the 1st Sunday each month please bring in items for donation to the Food
Bank.

Christ Church requires members for their fundraising committee. If you feel you are
to contribute in this way, please contact Jason Ferguson or Bill Colbourne.

Weekly Reflections

That through our service and our sacrifice we may grow closer to Jesus and help
others to know the love and care of Our Lord.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (MARK 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that
many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we
want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words
"sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by
sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Sunday September 30th 2pm St George's will be having a blessing of the animals
service with a hayride at Acadia park in Westville. A light snack with refreshments
will follow. Everyone and their animals are welcome to join us.

Sunday September 30 2018 Services

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| 8am | HE BCP | Christ Church | Rev. Darlene |
| 9:15 am | Morning Prayer | St. Bees' | Lay Readers |
| 11:15am | HE BAS | Christ Church | Rev. Darlene |
| 11:15 am | Morning Prayer | St. James' | Lay Readers |