

Service of Confirmation and Reception of Professing Members

Introduction

Pastor

The church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Presentation of Confirmands

Minister _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.

* = Youth P = Profession of Faith R = Reaffirmation of Faith
T = Transferring from Other Denomination

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy church?

Confirmands: I do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CONFIRMATION

Pastor: (Names) the Lord defend you with His heavenly grace and by His Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

RECEPTION INTO CHRIST'S HOLY CHURCH

Pastor: Let those persons who are members of other communions in Christ's holy church, and who now desire to enter into the fellowship of the New Life Ministries, DC, present themselves to be received into the membership.

Will you be loyal to New Life Ministries, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

Confirmands: I will.

❖ COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of New Life Ministries, DC. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Presentation of Certificates

Dismissal With Blessing

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore. Amen

Pastor Lyles

Passing the Peace