

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10 Prince Street, Pictou is the site of an earlier church built by Dr. Thomas McCulloch, who ministered to the Harbour Congregation from 1804 until 1824.

The current structure, formerly known as the Prince Street Church, was built in 1848, and was designed in Victorian Gothic Revival fashion H.G. Hill.

The tower represents an inverted communion table, the 'acorn' toppings and finials are church symbols – the burning bush. In 1918, the Knox and Prince Street Churches merged to form the First Presbyterian Church.

The Church hall built in 1862, was the home of the Burning Bush Museum, commemorating four early stalwarts in the local church: Rev. James MacGregor, Rev. Duncan Ross, Rev. Thomas McCulloch and Rev. Dr. John Geddie. Geddie was a student of Dr. Thomas McCulloch's, and the first missionary from a Presbyterian Church in British North America. He served in the New Hebrides.

MacGregor, Ross and McCulloch were the first leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Pictou County.