

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Coleraine Street, Pictou was built in 1822-23. The inhabitants of Pictou who supported the established Church of Scotland (the Kirk) were organized as a congregation and given the name of St. Andrew's. A wooden church was built in 1822-23. In 1866, a new brick and stone church was erected, it was partially destroyed by fire in 1893. The present structure, using the original walls, was completed in 1896.

Kirk is a Scottish and Northern English word meaning "church", or more specifically, the Church of Scotland. Many place names and personal names are derived from it.

While the Church of Scotland traces its roots back to the earliest Christians in Scotland, its identity was principally shaped by the Scottish Reformation of 1560. At that point, many in the then church in Scotland broke with Rome, in a process of Protestant reform led, among others, by John Knox. It reformed its doctrines and government, drawing on the principles of John Calvin which Knox had been exposed to while living in Geneva, Switzerland.