



# *Confirmation Service*

*for*

*Jacob Champagne, Camron Costello, Arwen Foppiano, Kaitlyn Hershman,  
Jennifer Kelly, Benjamin Parent, Sophie Soricelli*

## **Sentences of Celebration for Confirmation**

*Interim Christian Ed Director, Tina Brent*

The journey of faith is a journey through life. We are pilgrims. We are travelers making our way. We sojourn on the pathway of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks that lead them. But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way, the road seems different. Today we celebrate the leaders of tomorrow, heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made. We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey. As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way. It is a quest they must follow by themselves. We can tell them of our questions, but the answers must come from their own hearts. We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom. Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family, too.

It is with much joy and pride that we announce that this year's class has been approved by our Elders to be received into the membership of this church.

I invite *Jacob Champagne, Camron Costello, Arwen Foppiano, Kaitlyn Hershman, Jennifer Kelly, Benjamin Parent, and Sophie Soricelli* to come forward.

## **Profession of Faith**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

*Jacob, Camron, Arwen, Kaitlyn, Jennifer, Benjamin and Sophie:* over the past months, we have been studying and discussing some of the basic teachings of the Christian faith. I will now ask you about your belief in those teachings.

~Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, who created the heavens and the earth?

~Do you believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

~Do you believe in the Holy Spirit as God's gift to us - a gift that empowers and strengthens us?

~Do you believe in the church universal as Christ's family on earth?

~Do you believe that Jesus died for our sins in order to save us and give us eternal life?

~Do you promise to do your best to turn away from sin and to follow the teachings of Jesus?

~Do you believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting?

## **A Statement About Church Membership**

*Tina Brent*

*Jacob, Camron, Arwen, Kaitlyn, Jennifer, Benjamin and Sophie:* we welcome you to the worship and work of the people of God as they are gathered at New Hackensack Reformed Church. Will you be faithful members of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way and will you seek the membership of the church wherever you may be?

## **Laying on of Hands and Candle Ritual**

Since ancient times, the laying on of hands has been associated with individuals being confirmed in the church. This symbolic gesture involves the blessing of the Holy Spirit for the continuing nurture of the candidate's life of faith.

The offering of a lighted candle has also long been associated with the work of God's grace to quicken the faith. The flame symbolizes the passage of the believer from darkness into the light of life.

*“May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace  
as you continue to grow in the Lord”*

## **Welcome**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn and Congregation*

**Welcome to the ministry of Jesus Christ.**

**Go and serve the Lord.**

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God be with you.**

