1. **NAME(S), historic/common:** First Baptist Church
   (Courthouse Parkersburg)

2. **LOCATION, street/road:** 813 Market St.
   **TAX MAP-LOT #** 80-72
   **city/town:** Parkersburg, WV 26101
   (incorporated/unincorporated)

3. **USE/FUNCTION, present:** church
   **original:** church

4. **OWNER/ADDRESS, present:** First Baptist Church
   **address above**
   **original:** same as above

5. **PHOTO/SKETCH OF:** 8112-R2-F29-31
   8201-R2-F10-11

6. **Locality/Environment (map):**

   - Masonic Temple
   - Ninth St
   - Market St

7. **PLAN (include approx. dimensions):**

   - 150' x 100'
   - City Lot No. 80-72
   - (See No. 2)
9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric
- stone
- brick
- concrete
- stucco
- weatherboard
- clapboard
- board & batten
- shingle
- other

b. Structural System
- masonry
- frame
- log
- metal
- other

- foundation
- stone

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c. Roofing Material
- wood
- metal
- slate
- tile
- asphalt
- composition
- other
- metal steeple

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d. Associated Structures (use/type):
- outbuildings
- dependencies
- other

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e. Integrity (include dates):
- original site
- relocated
- alterations
- steeple replacement
- additions

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f. Condition:
- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- abandoned

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g. Threats:

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10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer: Lysander Dudley

b. Style/Period: Italianate

c. Date(s): 1871 (sign on bldg.)

Organized by 24 people on October 11, 1817, this congregation built its first church structure in 1839. "Deacon Lysander Dudley presented plans of a church in his home town of Wallingford, Conn. and was appointed to superintend building a similar structure at the Ninth and Market location. The 1st meeting was held in the basement of the new church on January 2, 1872, and an Educational Building was added in 1959." Built at the height of the Italianate period, this church displays with excellent integrity the characteristic elements of the style.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:


12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

DATE 12/81
Sited on a corner lot in the central business district, this is a 2 story, 3 by 6 bay gable roofed church with a central steeple on the facade (SE) and several additions to the rear (NW). Its gable roof is trimmed by an arched corbel table, corner turrets, and the polygonal steeple rising above an octagonal drum with arched ornament and large wooden corbels. The 2nd story windows, t/s, are round arched with hood molds; on the facade (SE), they contain round arched tracery. The 1st story windows are straight-topped on the side elevations. Three doorways open into the front (SE): a central one, framed by a large transom, tympanum, and compound arches, is flanked by smaller doorways with arched tympanums and hood molds. Rear additions include a large cement block section on the W which runs half the length of the nave and connects to the Oeldorf Building to the S; a 2nd wing at the N corner has a flat roof, corbeled cornice, tall arched windows on the NE side, and an arcaded porch across the SE.