1. NAME(s), historic/common: First Presbyterian Church/
Calvary Temple Evangelical Church
(Downtown Parkersburg, WV)

2. LOCATION, street/road: 946 Market St.
TAX MAP LOT #: (8 corner of Market & 10th Sts.)
80-77
city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(incorporated/private, restricted)

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

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Calvary Temple Evangelical Church
    (public/private)
original: First Presbyterian Church

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R3-F26-33

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx): 75' x 175'
CityLOT No. 80-77
(See No. 2)

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):
9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

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

b. Structural System
   - masonry X
   - frame
   - log
   - metal
   - other
   - foundation
   - stone


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


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


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


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


g. Threats:
   - None apparent.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:
   - Crapsey & Brown, Archs.
   - John S. Higgs, Builder

b. Style/Period:
   - Romanesque
   - Gothic Revival

c. Date(s):
   - 1894

The cornerstone of this building was laid on September 27, 1894. Designed by the architects of the Auditorium Theater (Parkersburg Office Supply), it is a handsome, though standard interpretation of its style. It was sold to Calvary Temple in the late 1940's; the congregation had broken with the Methodists on the south side of Parkersburg.

The church edifice is a locally distinguished example of the Gothicized churches of mid-America of the late 19th century. It is the best preserved of the few buildings in Parkersburg designed by the prominent Cincinnati architectural firm of Crapsey and Brown. The late Parkersburg City Hall (1899-1980) was their best known local work. (R. Collins)

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- 1898 City Directory
- The Parkersburg Story.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann DATE 12/81

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.
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This cross gable corner church has a picturesque silhouette crowned by a central octagonal lantern, a conical roof at the E corner, a short pyramidal roofed tower at the W corner, and a tall pyramidal roofed tower with turrets at the N corner. The windows and doorways are generally Gothic-arched, although the dominating stained glass windows of the gable ends have arches so broad as to be almost round arched.