

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

(Staff Use Only)

File No:	
Theme(s):	30
Neg No(s):	
USGS Quad:	
UTM Ref:	17 452 160 43 46 560

DISTRICT..SITE..BUILDING..STRUCTURE..OBJECT

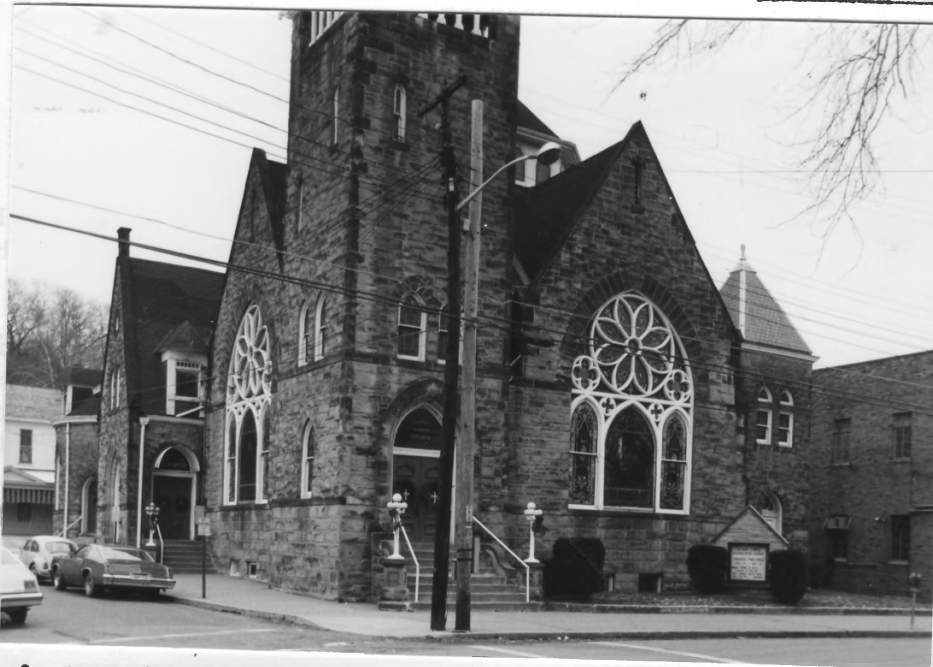
- NAME(S), historic/common: First Presbyterian Church/
Calvary Temple Evangelical Church
(Downtown Parkersburg MPA)
- LOCATION, street/road: 946 Market St.
TAX MAP- LOT # (S corner of Market & 10th Sts.)
80-77
city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- USE/FUNCTION, present: church
original: church
- OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Calvary Temple Evangelical Church
address above
original: First Presbyterian Church

(public/private,
restricted)

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

- PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



- LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

- ACREAGE (approx): 75' x 175'

City Lot No. 80-77
(See No. 2)



COUNTY: Wood
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

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 History of Wood County, West Virginia, The West Augusta Historical & Genealogical Society, Taylor Publishing Co., 1980.

The Parkersburg Story.

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

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b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

First Presbyterian Church/ Calvary Temple Evangelical Church
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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.

