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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

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First Christian Church

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

7th Avenue and 7th Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lewiston

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Idaho

16

Nez Perce

069

**CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

First Christian Church

STREET &amp; NUMBER

7th Avenue and 7th Street

CITY, TOWN

Lewiston

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Nez Perce County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lewiston

STATE

Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

\_\_\_ FEDERAL ☒ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Christian Church is a large (82' x 82') biego pressed brick church in the neo-classical revival style. It is distinguished by a dome 28' in diameter and by its two similar facades fronting on 7th Avenue and 7th Street. The facades are three bays wide with an inset center bay dominated by four Ionic columns supporting a pedimented gable. All facade openings are round-arched and all facade windows have stained glass which came from Portland. The major window is located in the inset bay and is flanked on either side by a window similar to those in the other facade bays. The entry is also behind the columns and leads into the left bay.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICALS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1921-1924	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Hatch/Semfow
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Christian Church is architecturally significant as a good example of a neo-classical revival style building in Lewiston. Its imposing mass and dome make it one of the better churches in the state rendered in this style.

The church was erected during Reverend Ross's pastorate from plans of his former church in Milton, Oregon. The Milton church was designed by Pendleton, Oregon, architect Hatch who followed the original plans of a Walla Walla, Washington, architect named Semfow. Architect Taymond W. Hatch later designed the First Christian Church in Twin Falls following a similar plan only on a more modest scale and without the dome.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lewiston Tribune, July 20, 1921, p. 9, c. 4; July 24, 1921, p. 3, c. 1-4;  
April 12, 1924, p. 7, c. 2-3.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 498340 5139815  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C         

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property includes the Christian Church and its surrounding lands on the northeast corner of 7th and 7th.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

12 Dec 77

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Mark Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

12 Dec 77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

W. H. H. H.  
Charles H. H. H.

DATE

8/31/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-29-78

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✓ CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
LEWISTON

The 82 x 82 foot Christian Church dominates the corner of Seventh and Seventh in Lewiston. It is one of the largest and best executed buildings in the prestigious Normal Hill residential district of Lewiston. Its dome, one of the largest in Idaho, is the only one of its kind in Lewiston, and its Ionic columns are among the better classical details in Nez Perce county. The round arched stained glass windows exhibit good craftsmanship.

The neo-classical revival style was a popular style adapted by the Presbyterian and Christian churches in Idaho from 1916 through the 1920s. This building is perhaps the state's best example of the style. It is larger and more ornately finished than the Twin Falls Christian and Presbyterian churches (NR) and the Idaho Falls First Presbyterian church (NR), none of which required such an extensive elaboration of significance as was required for this nomination.