

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- KR-316 MAP # 4

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME First Presbyterian Church (H) C

ADDRESS 316 E. Kirkwood Blvd.

LEGAL DES. Smith & Kelly's Add. 118 E 27' of Lot 1 + All 2, 3,4,+5  
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM / 15 [710,217,10] [4,610,09,50] ACREAGE 1 ZONE R-4D  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER First Presbyterian Church  
316 Kirkwood Blvd., Davenport, IA 52803

TITLE H. \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF DIFF) \_\_\_\_\_



SITE SHEET

MAP

DESCRIPTION

FORM Intersecting gabled masses, tower in re-entrant angle, attached house parish house CONST. DATE 1898-99

MATERIALS Rockfaced stone, regular coursing ARCH STYLE Richardsonian Romanesque

FENESTRATION round arch predominates; some small rect. windows also

DIST. FEATURES tripartite windows in nave, corner tower & entrance porch, masonry treatment

ALTERATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

SITE & RELATED STR. corner location, matching attached parish house

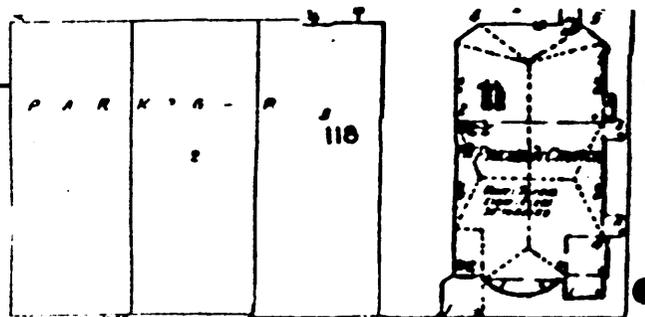
ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

The First Presbyterian Church is the excellent local example of the Richardsonian Romanesque. Steep roofs and block-like form give an overwhelming feeling of weight and mass. This feeling is accentuated by the rockfaced brownstone walls whose strongly horizontal coursing is further emphasized by wide beltcourses of lighter, smoothly dressed stone. The way in which the tower, enriched with narrow, vertical panels, pendant corbel table and short spire with gablets, rises out of the mass of the church is particularly effective. This building should be counted among the most distinguished works of local architects F.G. Clausen and Parke Burrows and one of the more important examples of the style in Iowa.

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 294



**SIGNIFICANCE**

This building is associated with a moderately important protestant congregation. It had no statewide religious role or important church leaders associated with it.

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**DESCRIPTION**

First Presbyterian Church was one of the first protestant churches to organize in 1839. Buildings were constructed in 1844, 1854, 1864 and this building in 1898-99. The major period of growth came after 1908. In 1936 membership topped 1500. First Presbyterian was the largest Presbyterian congregation in the city from 1839 through 1940.

**SOURCES**

"Davenport Churches have Eminent Part in City's History," "Centennial and Fiftieth Annivesary Edition," Davenport Times, July 11, 1936.  
"Behind These Years, 1839-1939," Davenport: Bawden Bros., 1939.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP. 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Focus
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Excellent
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Excellent

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Religion
- B. SECONDARY Presbyterian

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

- ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

- A.  B.  C

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1. DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

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| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

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| B. FEDERAL REVIEW     | APP. <input type="checkbox"/> | DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED <input type="checkbox"/> | DATE _____ |

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- N.R.H.P.
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5. SUBJECT TRACES

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6. PHOTO

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South & East Elevations