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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name First Presbyterian Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 402 W. Monroe Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Phoenix vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85003

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  locally. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J. G. Miller. AZSHPD 6/23/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

~~Added to the~~  
~~National Register~~

- entered in the National Register Albion S. Jones 8/10/83  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
    National Register  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
    National Register
- \_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- \_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- \_\_\_ structure
- \_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	___ buildings
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register** 0

**Name of related multiple property listing** (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: Religious Structure

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

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### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

roof ASPHALT

walls CONCRETE

other \_\_\_\_\_

_____
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**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance** 1910-1942  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates** 1927  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder** Marsh, Norman F.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other  
Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1 <u>12</u>	<u>399740</u>	<u>3701570</u>	3 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	4 _____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 7 Page 1

First Presbyterian Church

name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Religious Architecture in Phoenix, Arizona

name of multiple property listing

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**Description**

The First Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1927. It was designed by architect Norman F. Marsh. The building is constructed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style with Churrigueresque style influences and represents the Southwestern Regionalism property type. It retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. The First Presbyterian Church has been in continuous use as a church from 1927 to the present day.

The First Presbyterian Church faces south onto Monroe Street. The site is characterized by concrete and grass surfaces, a lushly planted courtyard and mature palm trees. No outbuildings are located on the site.

The First Presbyterian Church is a "U" shaped, two-story building of cast concrete block construction. The building is divided into the church, a classroom wing, and a meeting room wing framed by an arcaded walkway. It measures 100 x 100 feet. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. It has a concrete foundation.

Exterior features include the dominant, five-story stepped tower with octagonal upper stories, and the walls, constructed of massive concrete blocks. Important decorative elements include the Churrigueresque entrance surround constructed of cast stone, porthole gable windows and finials at the bell tower parapets. The interior of the sanctuary features beamed ceilings, iron chandeliers, and built-in furnishings.

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**Statement of Significance**

The First Presbyterian Church is significant under Criteria C in the area of Significance of Architecture. Designed by Los Angeles architect Norman F. Marsh and built in 1927, the First Presbyterian Church is a good local example of the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style with Churrigueresque style influences and therefore represents the historic context "Religious Architecture in Phoenix, 1910-1942." The building is a good illustration of the Southwestern Regionalism property type. The building possesses the important characteristics of the property type specifically a design concept based on the revival of the traditional Spanish Colonial architectural themes found throughout the Southwestern United States.

The dominant visual and stylistic characteristic of the building is the massive cast concrete block walls, built to imitate sandstone construction. Another element that conveys the building's stylistic imagery is the simply detailed gabled roofed elements grouped around a courtyard. The church forms one wing of the complex and is distinguished by a large, offset belltower and a gable wall facade. The central, arched entrance is detailed with typical Churrigueresque cast stone ornamentation. Above the entrance is an ornamental rose window. The belltower, with its stepped, multi-story configuration, is a strong stylistic element of the building. The courtyard is enclosed on two sides by one and two story wings. An arcaded walkway along the street facade provides formality to the courtyard space and further lends to the stylistic image of the building.

**Bibliography**

Arizona Republic. Phoenix, Arizona, 1890-1942, Various Issues.

Phoenix City Directories, Phoenix, Arizona, 1889-1942.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Phoenix, Arizona, 1893-1942.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1976.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is located on Lot 2, Block 96 of the Original Phoenix Townsite.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the original church site which has historically been associated with the property.