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## Historic Resources of Hardin County

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Historic Name: First Presbyterian Church (HDE-21) Classification: Building  
Common Name: First Presbyterian Church

Owner: Congregation, 212 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Location: 212 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The First Presbyterian Church is a one-story brick church constructed in 1835 with later 1896 Romanesque additions. The original building was constructed in a gable front plan with Federal detailing. In 1896, a one-story addition and large rectangular bell tower were added on the main facade of the church. The original section has rectangular stained glass windows with stone sills and shutters. On the main facade are arched stained glass windows with transoms. The bell tower has a large arched opening encompassing a vestibule. Above the arched entrance are narrow vertical openings in the brick and arched vent windows with frame louvers. The tower has a pyramidal roof and finial. On the main facade are wall buttresses. The gable roof has a composition shingle surface. At the rear of the church is a two-story brick addition added in 1943 and 1962.

Period of Significance: 1896

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The First Presbyterian Church is a notable example of a late 19th century Romanesque Revival style church. The Presbyterian congregation was formed in 1829 and they built the original portion of this church in 1835. The congregation split in the Civil War over the slavery issue with some members forming the Second Presbyterian Church, now known as Embry Chapel (HDE-24). In 1896, the church received a new facade and bell tower in the Romanesque style. This remodeling resulted in one of the few examples of the Romanesque style in the county with its rounded arched doors and windows on the main facade and prominent bell tower. Since the 1896 remodeling few exterior changes have occurred to the church and it retains its original character.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Elizabethtown Quad 16/600655/4168550

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the First Presbyterian Church is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 220-2, block 10, lot 13, and is defined by the legal property boundary. The property includes the church and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

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HDE-21, First Pres. Church  
Property Location  
Tax Map 220-2  
Block 10, Lot 13  
1" = 200'

