

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic First Presbyterian Church; ~~United Presbyterian Church~~ 5FN-583

and/or common United Presbyterian Church

2. Location

street & number Macon and ~~Seventh~~ ^{7th} streets n/a not for publication

city, town Canon City n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Fremont code 043

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>n/a</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>n/a</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name United Presbyterian Church c/o Dr. Stanley J. Brewer

street & number P.O. Box 856

city, town Canon City n/a vicinity of state Colorado 81212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fremont County Clerk & Recorder Office

street & number 601 Macon Avenue, Fremont County Courthouse

city, town Canon City state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

city, town Denver state Colorado 80203

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Seventh and Macon streets in a residential area on the immediate fringe of the downtown commercial district. Constructed in 1900-1902, the church is of rough cut coursed reddish and buff stone.

The Victorian building is of cruciform plan. The exterior west transept wall has a circular stained window,¹ with an arched stained glass window on the east transept wall. The walls are further ornamented with pinnacles on end pilasters.

The dominant feature of the building is the over-sized tower on the southwest corner of the church. The base, which contains the formal entrance to the building, is in stone; the upper half of which is shingled and has arched louvered openings. The tower is capped by a classical entablature and topped by a fancifully detailed spire.

The stone entrance on the south side of the tower is pedimented, as is the identical opening on the west side that contains a three-light window instead of an entrance.

The south wall, which faces Macon Street, is gabled and contains an arched stained glass window. The east side of the church has been altered, with the construction in 1974 of a two-story concrete block, stone-faced addition.

Other alterations include the enclosing in 1974 of a double arched alcove located on the west wall between the tower and transept wall. The alcove on the other side of the transept wall, which was also arched, was enclosed prior to 1930. (See historic photo.) Significant features of the interior include the stained glass windows, all of which are original, and modified groined ceiling.

¹The window, from Plockhorst's painting of "Jesus with the Children," was donated by the F.A. Reynolds family. One of the faces of a child is that of Raynold's daughter. Raynolds was one of the prominent bankers in Canon City in the late 19th century and early 20th century.

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/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1900-1902

Builder/Architect

architect: Bradbury & Rittenhouse
 builder: Ward Construction

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The United Presbyterian Church, prominently located at the northeast corner of Seventh and Macon streets in Canon City, is a massive stone structure which dominates the area in scale. Since its construction in 1902, the building has served as an architectural landmark for the community. In design, the structure illustrates a significant local interpretation of Victorian styling applied to church architecture.

The original church was founded in August 1872 by the Reverend Sheldon Jackson. Jackson was Superintendent of Missions for the West and established numerous churches from Iowa west. He is credited with founding twenty-two churches in Colorado. He later moved to Alaska where he established Sheldon Jackson College, still operating today.

The congregation was originally organized as the First Presbyterian Church of Canon City. However, in 1908, it merged with the Cumberland Presbyterian and the Mountain View Presbyterian churches, at which time it was renamed the United Presbyterian Church.

The building was designed by C. C. Rittenhouse, a local architect who also maintained a practice in Colorado Springs. Rittenhouse was responsible for the design of many buildings in Canon City, namely the Burrage Block, the New Mt. St. Scholastica Academy, the Frank L. Smith buildings, the Arthur Block, and residences for Fred Whipple, J. D. Biggs, Gilbert Campbell, R. F. Rockwell, and T. S. Lawther. (Canon Record, July 25, 1901).

Korvel and Sell, the stone cutters for the church, also did the stone work for the Lyman Robison House, St. Cloud Hotel, and the A.O.U.W. Hall. Natives of Germany, the two men were also known to have completed work in Florence, Cripple Creek and Victor.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .23

Quadrangle name Canon City

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Outlot 7, Original Plat of Canon City, Colorado

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
n/a			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title V. V. Morris

Edited by: Gloria Mills (CPO)

organization United Presbyterian Church

date March 5, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 856

home: 275-1904
telephone office: 275-2456

city or town Canon City

state Colorado 81212

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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

Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer (Acting)

date 7-27-83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

9/1/83

Alton Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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