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First	Presbyterian Church			
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SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	X_RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	X_YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATIO
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OWNER OF	PROPERTY			
				
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Idaho	State Historic Sites	Inventory		
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DEPOSITORY FOR				
SURVEY RECORDS	<u>Idaho State Histori</u>	cal Society		
CITY, TOWN			STATE	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Presbyterian Church is a good example of the Neo-classical Revival. It resembles a Palladian villa with a low Roman dome and a two story portico in the Ionic order. A series of wide steps lead up to the imposing four columned entrance. These Ionic columns were sculpted from single pieces of Boise sandstone. The building is constructed of Denver turkey-egg brick and Boise sandstone and has a slate roof. All the windows are stained glass except those under the portico.

The building is on a terraced lot which is "suggestive of the hills upon which the Greeks built. There is a cutstone curbing surrounding the entire 215' of lot frontage in all adding to the imposing effect," according to a contemporary account, although the building is certainly more Roman than Greek!¹

In plan the auditorium is oriented diagonally from the entry. A low north side addition of modern design was added in 1958-1959. Also at this time the interior was renovated and a ground floor chapel was constructed. These do not detract from the main design.

 $^{^{1}}$ Idaho Register, April 13, 1920, p. 8, c. 3.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION		
<u>X</u> 1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)		
•		INVENTION				
SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1918-1920	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT J. C. Fulton			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Presbyterian Church is architecturally significant in being a good example of the Neo-classical revival style. The dome and Ionic portico are impressive by Idaho's standards. The columns were reportedly the largest single pieces of stone removed from the Boise quarries. The landscaping further enhances the building's effect.

This is the only building in Idaho designed by J. C. Fulton. This Uniontown, Pennsylvania, architect specialized in churches, and this plan was an almost exact duplicate of a church he designed in his hometown.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Idaho Register, April 13, 1920, p. 8, c. 1-3; February 21, 1919, p. 8, c. 3-5.

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THE EVALUATED	SIGNIFICANCE OF	THIS PROPERT	Y WITHIN THE STATE IS:				
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As the designated State Historic Preservat	ion Officer for the N	lational Historic	Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I				
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