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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PU-147

Name: Central Presbyterian Church
Address: 1921 Arch
Little Rock, Arkansas
County: Pulaski

Congressional District: Second
Current Owner: Christ Temple Cathedral
Christ Holiness USA
Address: 1921 Arch
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson and Harding

Date of Construction: 1921
Stylistic Influence: Gothic Revival; Craftsman

Original Use: Church
Present Use: Church

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 565990/3843120
Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original City of Little Rock
Block 166, South ½ of Lot 5,
All of Lot 6

Condition

X Excellent
Good
Fair

Deteriorated
Ruins
Unexposed

Unaltered
X Altered
Physical Description

Designed in 1921 by Thompson and Harding, this yellow brick and stucco church, located at the corner of 20th and Arch Streets in Little Rock in a residential neighborhood, has an appropriate domestic scale and Craftman Style quality about it. The auditorium section is a simple rectangular block with a wide gable end facing Arch Street. This gable, the prominent design feature of the facade, has half timber effects. The bold, simple silhouette formed by this gable is reminiscent of late-nineteenth-century Shingle Style houses. Here the triangular massing of the facade is broken only by two tall brick piers, rising in graduated sections banded by stone coping. Projecting slightly from the piers' base is a central block containing three segmental arch entrances, with paneled double leaf doors faced with stone. The primary embellishments on this facade are banks of casement windows with opalescent stained glass centrally placed in the gable end. Single sash windows of the same stained glass appear at the sides and apex of this gable. The side elevations are embellished with arched stained glass windows in tri-partite arrangement with oak leaf carvings at the corners.

Statement of Significance

The building constructed for Central Presbyterian Church in Little Rock was designed by the Thompson and Harding firm in 1921. This building, located at 1921 Arch Street, is an unusual church design with touches of Gothic Revival and Craftsman styles. Located on an historic residential street, the church's design is appropriate in its domestic scale and qualities. The yellow brick and stucco church features half-timber effects, banks of casement windows and two brick piers on the facade. The church is in excellent condition.
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Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas
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