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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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First Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

325 Elm Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Idaho Falls

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Bonneyville

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

First Presbyterian Church

STREET & NUMBER

325 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN

Idaho Falls

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bonneyville County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Idaho Falls

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

___ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

___EXCELLENT

☒GOOD

___FAIR

___DETERIORATED

___RUINS

___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED

☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE

___MOVED

DATE_____

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	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1918-1920	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	J. C. Fulton
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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.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don J. Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X 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.

~~FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE~~

Merle Wells

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 20 May 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

William Cole
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-17-78



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Bonneville County, ID.

First Presbyterian Church

325 Elm Street

Idaho Falls, Idaho

J. M. Neil - Photographer

1976

Idaho State Historical Society

Front from the southeast

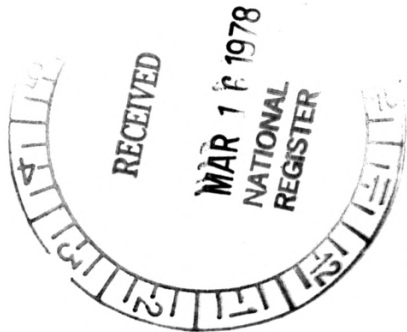
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First Presbyterian Church
Bonaville County, Ala.

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