

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible- NR
 - Determined Not Eligible- NR
 - Determined Eligible- SR
 - Determined Not Eligible- SR
 - Need Data
 - Contributes to eligible NR District
 - Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: 5PT.33
2. Temporary resource number: 200.EBL
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: First Presbyterian Church
6. Current building name: Community Church
7. Building address: 200 East Bleeker Street Aspen, Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: Aspen Community United Methodist Church
114 N. Aspen Street Aspen, CO 81611

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West
NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 7
10. UTM reference
Zone 13; _____ mE _____ mN
11. USGS quad name: Aspen Quadrangle
Year: 1960, Photo Rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' _____ Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot(s): K, L & M Block: 72
Addition: _____ Year of Addition: _____
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of Lots K, L & M, Block 72 of the City and Townsite of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number: 2737-073-16-801
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
15. Dimensions in feet: Length _____ x Width _____
16. Number of stories: Three Story
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Stone
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Pyramidal Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Wood Shingle Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Stained Glass, Tower

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21. General architectural description: A large rusticated stone structure with randomly sized stones, basically square in plan with a pyramidal roof form. The visual height of the structure is accentuated by battered stone walls, on all sides. The principal façade faces south with a bell tower occupying the left 1/3 and a front gable occupying the right 1/3 of the façade, siting forward of the main wall surface. The center third is occupied by a large arched stone entrance with a pattern of three over three small rectangular openings on the upper level; a horizontal eave line crown molding runs across this third and a large pointed arch pediment sits centered above the main door. The entrance arch is flush with the wall at the base and emerges as the main wall batters back, so that the top of the arch sits proud of the main wall. A decorative carved stone panel infills the upper part of the arch and a pair of large wood doors sits below. The tower rises to four stories, the top story is banded by dark wood shingles and the roof is bell shaped with flared eaves and a pointed peak, with finial. The tower has narrow slot openings on the two lower levels and a band of arched openings in the wood band around the top of the tower. The gable form on the right has a circular stained glass rose window on the second level with pairs of slot windows on the lower and upper levels. On the west side a front gable sits in the center of the façade with a three part round arch on the upper level and a series of three slot windows on the second and first floor levels. The gable sits slightly in front of the main wall, the two sides of the gable are infilled with larger slot windows following the same pattern as seen of the gable portions. A shed roof, with gable end extends from just behind the tower to create a covered entry on the west side. The north side is very plain with a front gable dormer projection and a large square chimney. Overall, the pyramidal roof has minimal overhangs on the stone wall, the front gable forms extend above the roof, creating a parapet wall with an exaggerated "keystone" at the peaks. Decorative stone treatments in the gable ends and at window openings.
22. Architectural style/building type: Late Victorian, Romanesque
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The church sits on a large corner lot with a series of mature cottonwoods in the street tree pattern on both sides, Lilac mass on southwest corner of building.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate _____ Actual 1890-91
Source of information: Cornerstone; National Register Nomination Form, 1974
26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: First Presbyterian Church of Aspen
Source of information: National Register Nomination Form, 1974

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29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Minimal alterations beyond repairs. West entry canopy, with glass infill; Tie rods through east/west axis; new restrooms and other interior work; all dates unknown, pre 1974. Replaced round stained glass window, 1966. 1901 bronze church bell installed, 1943
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Religion, Church
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Religion, Church
34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood
35. Historical background: The church was founded in August of 1886 by the Reverend H. S. Beavis. The cornerstone of this structure was laid on Sunday, April 20th, 1890 for the Presbyterian Church of Aspen. The structure took ten months to complete, and was constructed of locally quarried sandstone from the Peach Blow Quarry in the Frying Pan River valley. 500 people attended the first Sunday service. The structure was built at a cost of \$20,000, and had incandescent electric lights and a steam heating system. The structure has been used continuously as a church since its dedication.
36. Sources of information: Pitkin County Courthouse records; Sanborn and Sons Insurance Maps; 1990 and 1980 City of Aspen Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: 1974
Designating authority: Aspen City Council
38. Applicable National Register Criteria:
- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
 - B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
 - C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria
39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture
40. Period of significance: Late 1800's Silver Mining Era
41. Level of significance: National State Local

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42. Statement of significance: This structure is significant for its role in the evolution of Aspen from a mining camp into a complex society. In particular, it represents a well established religious community with the combined wealth and long term commitment to the community required to undertake such a project
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: This structure is intact

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: This structure is currently listed on the National Register
Eligible Not Eligible Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
Discuss: A number of 19th century structures exist in this area.
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: R1; F22, 23, 24 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.
48. Report title: City of Aspen Update of Survey of Historic Sites and Structures, 2000
49. Date(s): 6/29/2000 50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid and Patrick Duffield
51. Organization: Reid Architects
52. Address: 412 North Mill Street, PO Box 1303, Aspen CO 81612
53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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