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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: United Presbyterian Church
2. Historic name: United Presbyterian Church
3. Street or rural address: 214 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900701
5. Present Owner: United Presby. Church Address: P.O. Box 1567
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Church Original use: Church

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Gothic
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This is a tall one story church with a high gable roofline, enclosed eaves and a plain frieze. Sided with clapboard, it has thin, arched windows facing Fifth Street topped with arched pediment hoods. Two small leaded glass bullseye windows are located directly above the front windows. The projecting square front entrance has double doors and a leaded glass fanlight and serves as the base for the high, gothic spire that comes to a sharp point about thirty feet up. The more recent additions, a room attached to the south end of the church and extending west to a large hall, are sided with vertically placed clapboard.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1869
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder William Furlong
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 140 Depth 104
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up
Residential Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This fine example of a simple Carpenter Gothic style was constructed in 1869. It is the second oldest Presyterian Church building in California. Additions and changes to the structure were made in 1909, 1927, 1955 and 1978 as the community and the church continued to grow. The church continues to serve its congregation.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion 1 Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

22. Date form prepared April 1986
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