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
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 140
    Depth 104
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1956

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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 X ____ 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 Presbyterian 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.

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):  

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

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

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