

State of California - The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #
 Trinomial
 NRHP Status Code

Other Listings Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 6 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): First Presbyterian Church

P1. Other identifier: Vintage Faith Church

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Cruz County and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a location map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Santa Cruz Date Revised 1994 T .11 S. ; R .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 350 Mission St. City Santa Cruz Zip 95060

d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; 586110 mE/ 4092705 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

north side of Mission Street at Highland Avenue. APN# 006-171-44

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements, include design, material, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Built in 1937, the Gothic Revival church is located at 350 Mission St., in Santa Cruz's Mission neighborhood. The gabled brick church features lancet Gothic Revival details as well as Tudor half-timbering and arched windows. The Eclectic Revival or Period Revival styles grew in prominence to become characteristic of both residential and nonresidential construction after World War I. Styles such as Spanish Eclectic, Mission Revival, Mediterranean, Gothic Revival, and others were popular for more until the 1940s.

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*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP16. Religious building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:
 (View, date, accession #)
 View facing north, 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
 1937, city directories, 72 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

*P8. Recorded By: (Name, affiliation, and address)

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*P9. Date Recorded: 5/6/09

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Santa Cruz Historic Building Survey - Vol. III, Department of Planning and Community Development, City of Santa Cruz, 2012.

*Attachments:

- None Continuation Sheet District Record Rock Art Record Other (List):
- Location Map Building, Structure, and Object Record Linear Feature Record Artifact Record
- Sketch Map Archaeological Record Milling Station Record Photograph Record

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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 3CS

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) First Presbyterian Church

B1. Historic Name: First Presbyterian Church

B2. Common Name: 350 Mission St. - Vintage Faith Church

B3. Original Use: Church

B4. Present Use: Church

*B5. Architectural Style: Gothic Revival

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Constructed in 1937.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: n/a

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Associated complex of building located to the north and northeast of the church building.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Institutions

Area: Mission

Period of Significance: 1937

Property Type: Religious

Applicable Criteria: (3)

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The First Presbyterian Church was founded in Santa Cruz in 1889, and for the next half-of-a-century was located at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Cathcart Street. In 1937, the congregation relocated to this prominent site along Mission Street at Highland Avenue and constructed this Gothic Revival place of worship. Vintage Faith Church, formed in 2004, joined with First Presbyterian Church in 2006, using the subject property to worship. The two officially merged in early 2008.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) None

*B12. References:

- City of Santa Cruz Standard Map, 1929, 1947
- Lehmann, Susan. Historic Context Statement for City of Santa Cruz. 2000.
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1928-1950.
- Santa Cruz city directories, 1916-1989.
- U.S. Census, 1880, 1900-1930.

<http://www.vintagechurch.org/about/history>

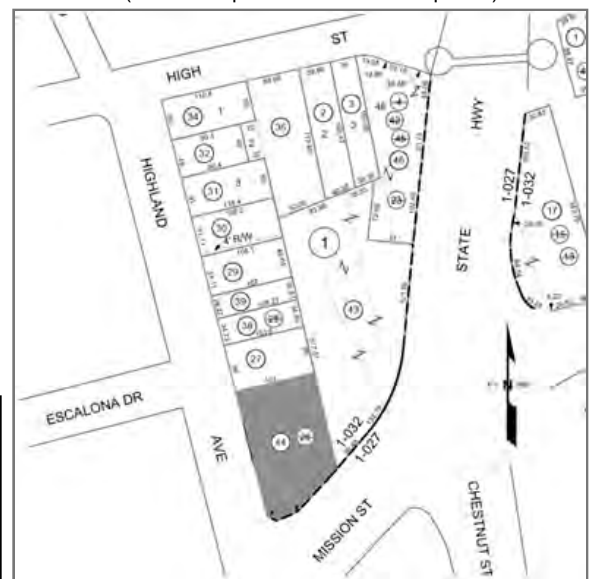
B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Leslie Dill

*Date of Evaluation: May 6, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

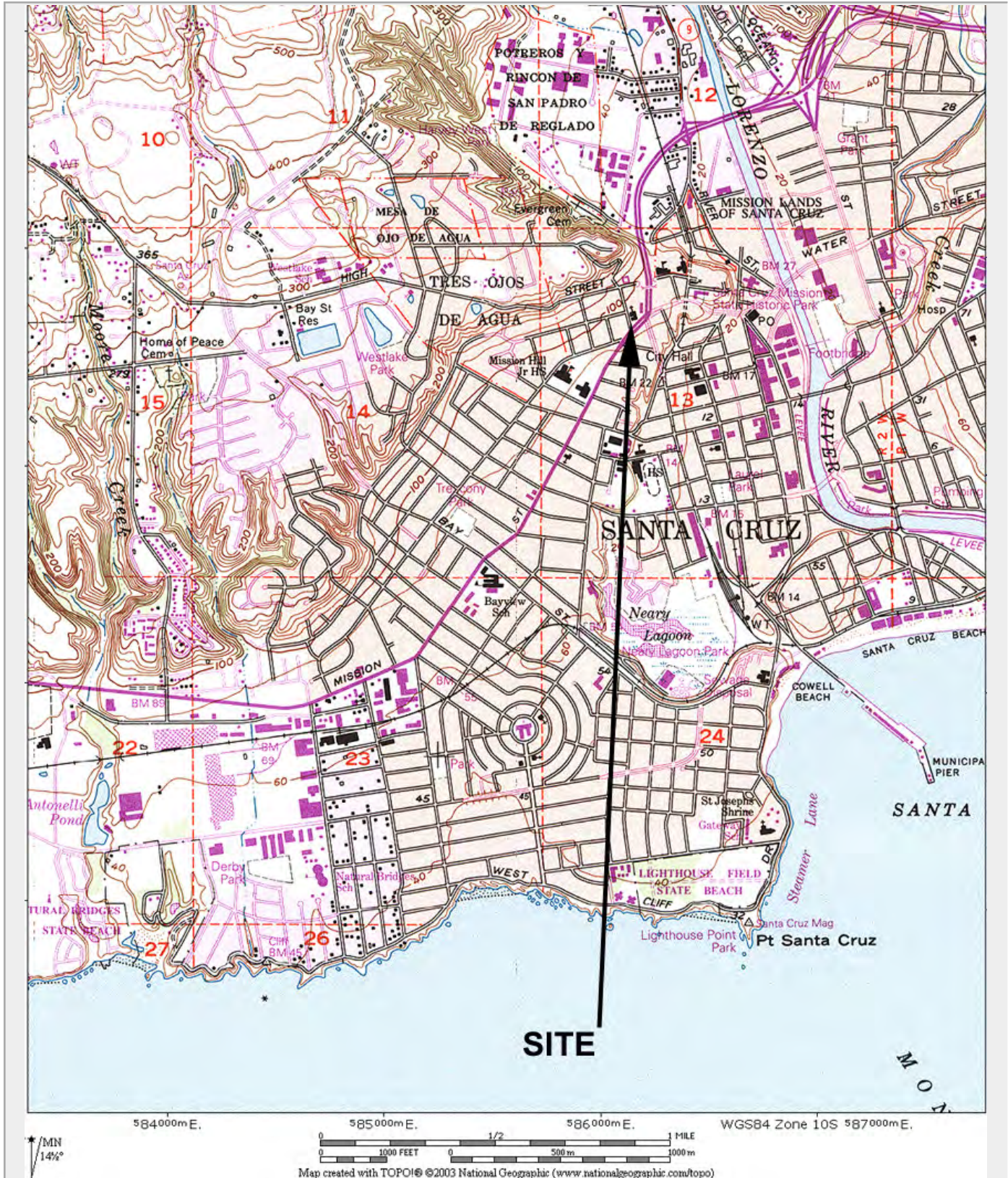
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



* Map Name: Santa Cruz, Calif.

* Scale: n.t.s.

* Date of Map: 1954 (revised 1994)



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Located on an angled corner, the main entry is located on the far left of what would have traditionally been a side elevation to the church. The entry steps out from the main volume, and steps back with an lancet arched recessed entry containing a ribbed upper transom, layered buttressing battlements, and a steeply pitched false gable form integrated into the upper wall. The main gabled side that faces Highland Avenue is a bold, flat wall of brick with minimal fascia eaves, and crowned by a triangular apex of half-timbered stucco. Central in this wall is a circular medallion, and below the medallion is a tripartite set of arches windows and matching base windows with crosshatch glazing. The brickwork has extensive flush embellishment including a mimicking of the lancet arch forms.

To the rear of the sanctuary on Highland Avenue are related buildings that were designed as a muted counterpoint to the Gothic styled church structure. The one and two-story complex of structures attached to the rear of the church are a modern, minimal traditional grouping of gabled forms, following the roofline of the church, but clad in unadorned stucco walls. Protecting the entries are small cantilevered canopies constructed of carved wood braces and featuring v-shaped gable-ends. The gable ends of the roofs have batten facings. The fenestration consists of multi-lite fixed and casement windows. A small courtyard at the north end of the church structure along Highland Avenue provides a visual separation between the church and office complex, which joins together at the rear of both volumes.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The property was found eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources. Religious facilities are not normally eligible for the California Register under Criterion (1) or (2). However, the church building and its related complex is a distinctive and exceptional design, done in the Gothic Revival style, although the architect(s) have not yet been identified. It appears to qualify for the California Register under Criterion (3).

When considered for listing within the Historic Building Survey of the City of Santa Cruz however, the property meets the following criteria:

1. The building is a significant example of the built environment heritage of the City as a representative of an Interwar period church building; and
5. The building possesses special aesthetic merit and value due to its quality of architecture, retaining sufficient features that show its architectural significance; and
6. The building possesses distinctive stylistic characteristics of 1930s Revival architecture; and
7. The building retains sufficient integrity to accurately convey its significance.

Integrity

The property maintains much of its apparent original integrity as per the National Register's seven aspects of integrity. It maintains its original location on Mission Street in the Mission neighborhood of Santa Cruz. It maintains its original setting in a residential neighborhood. It retains its scale and feeling and continues, through its form, massing and detailing, to illustrate its associations with religious architecture construction patterns of the Interwar years in this area. The church building retains its integrity with Gothic Revival architecture style including its form, brick cladding, and distinctive steep gabled roof.

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Highland Avenue elevation of rear buildings, viewed facing northeast.