

**Historic Property** Westminster Presbyterian Church  
**Inventory Report for** 1522 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Westminster Presbyterian Church **Field Site No.:** 558  
**Common Name:** (#34-390) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1522 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R02W 13 SW TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 509180 **Northing:** 5210110

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
33300101200 Barrett & Atens L12-14 B1

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 9/12/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Salvation Army c/o Northwest Division **Owner Address:** PO Box 9219 **City/State/Zip:** Seattle, WA 98109

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**  
Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

**Contributing?**

**National Register Nomination:** 0  
**Local District:**  
**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Religion - Religious Facility  
**Current Use:** Religion - Religious Facility

**Plan:** Irregular **No. of Stories:** 1

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Intact **Changes to interior:** Slight  
**Changes to original cladding:** Intact **Changes to other:**  
**Changes to windows:** Intact **Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Brick **Foundation** Concrete - Poured  
**Style** Gothic - Gothic Revival **Form/Type**  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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**Study Unit**

**Other**

**Date Of Construction:** 1930

Religion

**Architect:** William Kennedy

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:**

No

**Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):**

No

**Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):**

**Statement of Significance**

The Westminster United Presbyterian Church began as a Sunday School mission in a storeroom at 4th and Jefferson in 1893 in Olympia. The next year the congregation was chartered as the First United Presbyterian Church of Olympia. They erected a wooden sanctuary at 4th and Jefferson downtown which served until 1930 when this church was built. William Kennedy from Pullman constructed the structure for \$20, 000 in a modified gothic design. The church was expanded in 1948 westward and in 1955, the north wing was added. The church has a three paneled medallion chancel window specially designed for the structure. During the 1930's the congregation adopted the name of Westminster United Presbyterian Church. The building is now the Salvation Army facilities.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

The Westminster Presbyterian Church is a sprawling brick masonry structure built in simple Late Gothic Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. It has a tall gable-roofed central section and flanking sections with lower roofs. The roofs are clad with composition shingles and have close eaves, and the central roof is crowned by a tall metal spire topped by a finial. Offset on the front (east) facade, a gabled extension holds the paneled main entry door, which is recessed in a gothic-arched concrete surround with quoins. The central gable has a tall narrow stained glass window with a similar surround, and the west gable has a similar window. The south extension has two gables on the south facade, and side entry door, and is lit by bands of casements with multiple leaded glass panes. The north extension has a gabled and flat roof and is lit by multi-paned windows.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Loyer, Charles A., "Westminster United Presbyterian Church," Daily Olympian, May 29, 1964, p. 6.  
Crooks, Drew, The History of the Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Olympia, Washington, May 1981.

**PHOTOS**

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**View of** SW corner

**taken** 9/12/1985

**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**

17-6A

**Comments:**