

**Historic Property** First Christian Church  
**Inventory Report for** 701 South Franklin Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** First Christian Church **Field Site No.:** 834  
**Common Name:** (#34-731) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 701 South Franklin Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
                     T18R02W 14 SW TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 507780 **Northing:** 5209650

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
78502700300 Sylvester Pt L3 & 4; 5 & 6 Blk 27

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia Planning Department .49

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/17/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** First Christian Church of Olympia **Owner Address:** PO Box 2850 **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

**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:** T-Shape **No. of Stories:** 2

**Structural System:** Concrete - Block

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

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

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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<b>Study Unit</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b> <u>1928</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		<b>Architect:</b> <u>Joseph Wohleb</u>
<u>Religion</u>		<b>Builder:</b>
		<b>Engineer:</b>

**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 congregation first met in 1890 with only five people headed by John Pray. Mr. Eshelman consented to preach for the church in the Columbia Hall with Mr. Sanderson coming in 1891 to be a minister. The first pastor was James McCallum and he conducted services in the Old Washington School Building. Their first church was erected in 1891 at Union and Jefferson Street. In 1926 the present site of the church was purchased and the cornerstone laid in 1928. The church was dedicated that year. Joseph Wohleb was the architect. The large addition was built in 1963 and the Church renovated in 1972 and 1980.

**Description of Physical Appearance**    This is an elongated, T-shaped stucco structure built in the late Gothic Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. The north and south side walls of the main (east) wing each have four tall, Gothic-arched stained glass windows, separated by pier buttresses. At the northeast corner is a gabled extension with double entry doors. In the corner of the "T" on the north facade is a tall, square bell tower with a flat roof, narrow louvered openings crowned by finials, and corner pilasters. The southwest pilaster is topped by a pinnacle with open arches. On the east wall of the tower are double entry doors in an arched surround topped by finials, and projection from the north wall is a flat-roofed polygonal bay with tall, narrow arched windows. The two stories of the rear wing are lit by rows of paired casements with diamond panes. To the south is a newer two-story, flat-roofed addition.

**Major Bibliographic References**    Information supplied by the church.  
Wohleb architectural files at special collections University of Washington Library.

**PHOTOS**

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**View of**    NE corner  
**taken**     10/17/1985  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
              27-10A  
**Comments:**