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1. Historic Name: Highland Park Presbyterian Church
Common Name: Park United Presbyterian Church
2. Location: 14 Cortland Street (~~at Woodward Avenue~~)
Highland Park
3. Category: building
Ownership: private
Status: occupied
Use: religious
4. Owner: Pastor and Vestry Board, Park United Presbyterian Church
14 Cortland Street, Highland Park, Michigan 48203
7. Description:
Condition: good
Unaltered
Original site

The structure is located on the northwest corner of Cortland and Woodward Avenue in Highland Park and measures 110 feet in length and 85 feet in width. The church is a red brick and limestone-trimmed, Tudor Gothic-style church raised on a rockfaced limestone basement. The gabled main portion containing an oversized, traceried, stained-glass window is abutted on the south by a square, buttressed, flat-roofed, corner tower with a louvered belfry and a massive, gabled, wooden porch supported on brick piers sheltering the entrance. Adjacent to the corner tower and set back from the main block is the gabled educational wing. A small, buttressed, corner tower shelters the entrance to the church office. The building retains its distinctive red terra cotta tile roof.

The interior reflects a modified version of the Akron Plan. A small vestibule leads into a large square auditorium whose high ceiling is supported by an intricate truss-work system. A broad raised platform extends across the front with the choir space at one side. To the south of the main church hall, a wide opening which was once fitted with folding pocket doors leads into a spacious overflow area with a balcony.

The property also contains the manse, which, built in 1905, is a simple, two-story, hip-roof, brick structure, located adjacent to the church at 20 Cortland Street.

8. Significance:
Period: 1900-
Area of significance: architecture
Specific dates: 1910-11
Architects: Sidney Rose Badgley (1859-1917) and William Nicklas (1862-1930) of Cleveland, Ohio.

Highland Park Presbyterian Church originated as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit in 1893. In 1896 a small frame chapel was built and dedicated on

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the site of the present church. The growth of the congregation led to the erection of the present building in 1910-11. Membership in the church had by then grown to over two hundred members. The Highland Park congregation is the oldest Presbyterian group in the city. The church is significant as a fine example of the work of the prominent turn-of-the-century church architect, Sidney Rose Badgley, and as a well preserved example of a standard, Akron-plan, auditorium church.

9. Biographical data:

McGregor Memorial Library, Clipping File "Highland Park Presbyterian Church," Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Booklet, Highland Park Presbyterian Church (May 25, 1969).

10. Geographical data:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Highland Park

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: 17 327840 4695740

Verbal boundary description and justification:

South 40 feet of Lot 4 and entire Lot 5 of Highland Park Subdivision.

This is all the property connected with the church.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Religious Structures of Woodward Avenue Thematic Resources
State Michigan

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 11. St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
(8850 Woodward) | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Tommy Lee Boyd 8-3-82</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Emma Jane Saxe 8-2-82</u> |
| 12. Temple Beth-El | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 13. Temple Beth-El (WSU Bonstelle
Theatre) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 14. Woodward Avenue Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 15. Woodward Avenue Presbyterian
Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 16. First United Methodist Church | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Tommy Lee Boyd 8-3-82</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Emma Jane Saxe 8-2-82</u> |
| 17. Grace Evangelical Lutheran
Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 18. Highland Park Presbyterian
Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 19. Trinity United Methodist Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Deloris Byers 8/3/82</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 20. | | Keeper | _____ |
| | | Attest | _____ |

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Highland Park Presbyterian Church (Religious
Structures of Woodward Ave. TR), Wayne County,
MICHIGAN,

Working No. 6/23/82-1861
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 7/29/82 = 8/1, 2/82
Action: ACCEPT 8/3/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal
Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition excellent deteriorated good ruins fair unexposed
Check one unaltered altered
Check one original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 Cortland Street at Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, Wayne County, Michigan

PHOTOGRAPHER: Leslie J. Vollmert

DATE: November, 1980

NEGATIVE: Michigan History Division
Michigan Dept. of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

VIEW: Camera facing NW

PHOTO: No. 48 of 53



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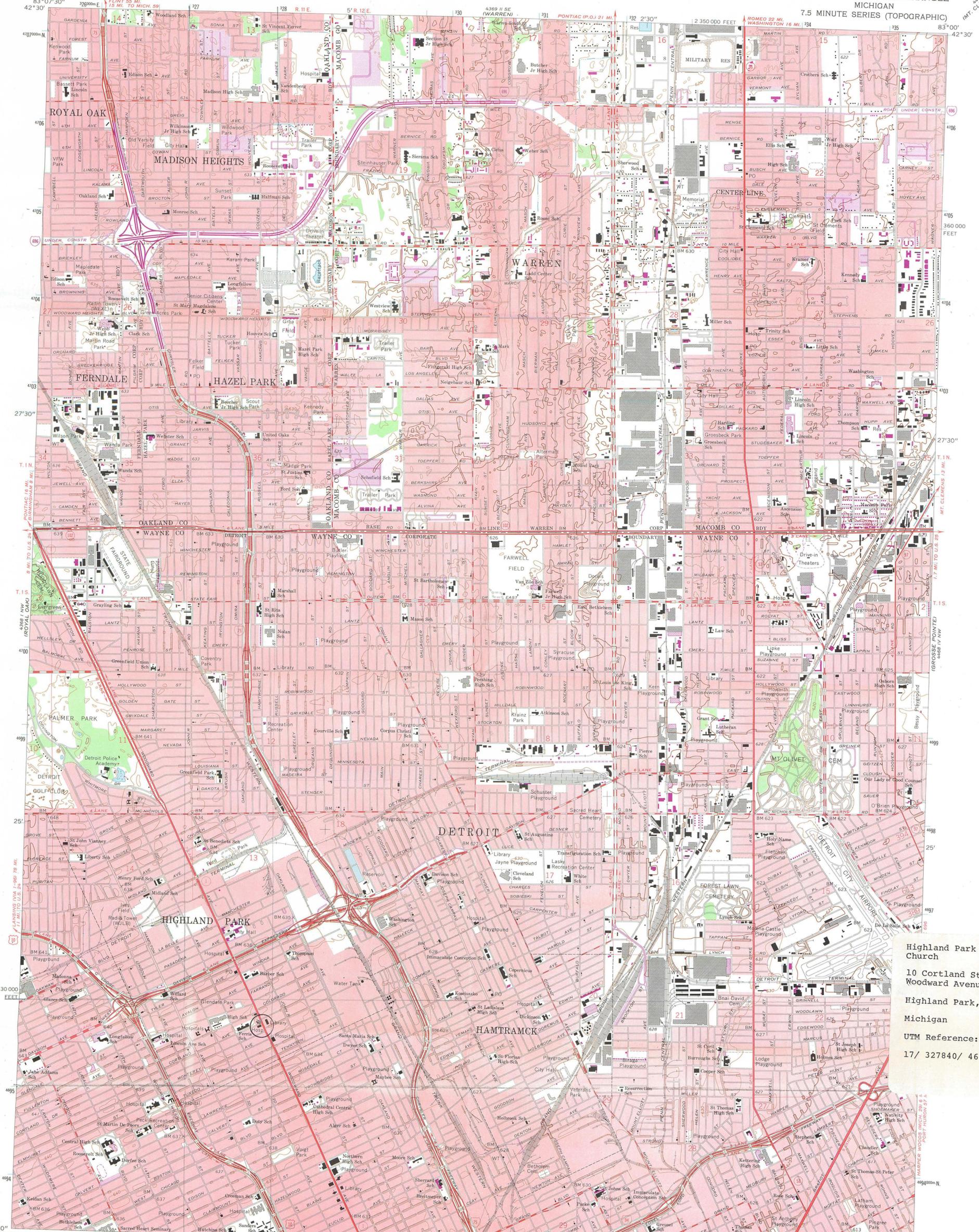
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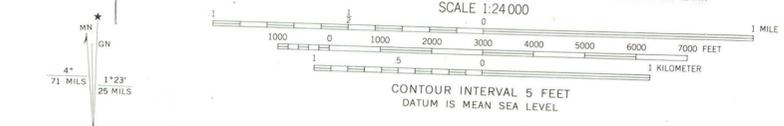
VIEW: Camera facing W toward pulpit and
altar

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Michigan
UTM Reference:
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and City of Detroit
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by plane-table surveys 1938. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface	
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather	
Interstate Route	U. S. Route	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

HIGHLAND PARK, MICH.
N4222.5-W8300/7.5

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AMS 4368 I NE-SERIES V862

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JAN 22 1982
MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION

Waiver by Property Owner

Dr. Martha M. Bigelow
State Historic Preservation Officer
Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918
Attn: Kathryn Eckert

Dear Dr. Bigelow:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the address of my property:

PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 CORTLAND ,
HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN 48203

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Raphael B. Francis
Minister.