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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 101 EAST SIXTH STREET

By 1898, the First Congregational Church had constructed a building on the one acre site at the southeast corner of Sixth Street and Myrtle Avenue. In 1948 Prior Hall was added and a new sanctuary, designed in a simplified Colonial Revival style, was completed in 1953, replacing the original structure. Classrooms and other support spaces were subsequently added, allowing the congregation to enhance their mission of serving God and the community. The facility was renovated in 2000 and designated as a Tempe Historic Property in 2001.

public role: The church's construction and renovation have been financed by the congregation and private donations. Recent construction of the Brickyard on Mill resulted in surrounding street and parking improvements.

developer: First Congregational Church

architect: Kemper Goodwin, Tempe - Prior Hall (1948) & Sanctuary (1953)

Jim Lakin , Tempe - renovation (2000)

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE DOWNTOWN TEMPE BRANCH 500 SOUTH MILL AVENUE

The project was a compete renovation of the existing 1950's building on its 0.58-acre site. The Mill Avenue entry was recessed to create a forecourt, conducive to gathering and socialization. Materials and forms were chosen to compliment the historic context. The postal service's decision to retain their downtown branch was significant to the downtown's role as the symbolic and social heart of the community. A postal retail area and display windows were included in the 9600 square-foot structure.

public role: Federally owned and funded

developer: US Postal Service

architect: US Postal Service, Denver Regional Office (Thom Bohlen)

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