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Design by Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC wins Best Overall “Restoration of the Year” Award for Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County awarded Best Overall “Restoration of the Year” honors to Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, with design provided by Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC.

Architects Steve Clendenin, AIA, LEED-AP, and Baird Dixon, AIA, LEED-AP, recently attended an awards ceremony where their work for the downtown Franklin church was recognized.

Many of the improvements were designed to enhance the overall worship experience in the church, which is located at Main Street and Fifth Avenue. The seamless design provided a link to the past, while improving accessibility and circulation paths. The historic church was built in 1908, after a fire destroyed the original structure. As church leaders note, Presbyterians have been worshipping in downtown Franklin since 1811 and at their church site on Main Street and Fifth Avenue since 1842.

Improved lighting scenarios highlight and complement the beautiful stained glass windows and interiors. The original stone steps were reworked to provide a landing, with new wrought iron railings designed to match the old gates at the stone site walls. Additionally, the chancel was reworked to better accommodate the organ and choir, including new chancel rails and pulpit design to match the intricately carved pew ends.

Shanon Wasielewski, Preservation Planner City of Franklin, and Patrick McIntyre, Executive Director Tennessee Historical Commission, presented the awards in June 2008 during a dinner with many honored guests and corporate sponsors present.

The team of Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC carefully designed and incorporated the renovations into the existing building to upgrade the facilities and systems with great respect for the historic nature of the building, property and its context in downtown Franklin.

Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC offers an award-winning approach for creating designs and master plans for universities and schools, churches, and performance halls. Additional clients include St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Franklin, the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin/Williamson County, The Harpeth Hall School, Vanderbilt University, MTSU, First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, First Presbyterian Church / Oak Hill School in Nashville, and Juniata College in Pennsylvania.

Street Dixon Rick Architecture has taken a leadership role in sustainable design and predicts LEED accreditation will become standard for the profession. Street Dixon Rick is committed to establishing strong collaborative relationships with its building teams.

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