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Philadelphia Temple Complex The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Prominently located at the northeast corner of historic Logan Square, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Philadelphia Temple will serve as a beacon for members of the Church in the Mid-Atlantic region as well as establish itself as a new icon for the City of Philadelphia.

Designed by FFKR Architects of Salt Lake City, the 60,000 gsf neoclassical Philadelphia Temple features a highly detailed granite exterior. Its bold lines are capped by two majestic spires, with the east spire topped by a statue of the angel Moroni. The Temple's massing responds directly to the tripartite horizontal regulating lines of two adjacent historic Renaissance Revival icons – the Philadelphia Free Library and the Family Courts Building.

The classical Temple interior, designed by Perkins+Will, includes an elegant entry and waiting area, a baptistery, a variety of instruction and ordinance rooms, offices and other support spaces. Interior finishes feature highly detailed stone flooring and carved base, broadloom carpet, wood paneling, decorative paint and gold leaf, custom lighting, and decorative stained glass.

Along the north edge of the site, a secondary 20,000 gsf Temple Services building stands adjacent to the Temple. It houses support facilities for the temple and underground parking garage.

Intentionally designed as a background building, the Temple Services building's restrained massing and tempered architectural expression allow it to become a complimentary background for the Temple. Its slender linear massing forms the north edge of a lush urban plaza providing respite from the noise and activity of Center City Philadelphia.

The program includes a 155-space underground parking garage that will be constructed beneath the extensively landscaped urban plaza. The design of this park-like plaza is carefully crafted as an integral part of the Temple experience and is intended for social gatherings, wedding parties, youth activities, and general public access.

Perkins+Will's services for the temple complex include programming, planning, architectural, interior, and urban and landscape design provided by the Atlanta and Philadelphia offices. FFKR Architects designed the temple exterior and serve as architects of record for the temple building.