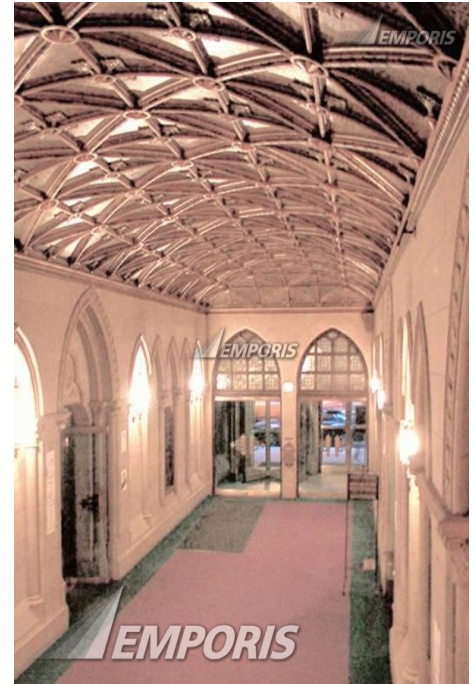


Chicago Temple Building



Identification



EBN	117533
Name	Chicago Temple Building
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Postcode	60602
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	77 West Washington Street
State Name	Illinois	Main Address	77 West Washington Street
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	35 North Clark Street

City Name	Chicago	Latitude	Contact us
District (1st level)	Downtown	Longitude	Contact us
District (2nd level)	Loop		

Description

Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	neo-gothic
Facade Material	limestone	Main Usage	 commercial office church (methodist)
Facade Color	light brown	Side Usage	 residential shop(s)

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	568.01 ft	Height (roof)	556.01 ft
Height (tip)	568.01 ft	Floors (overground)	23

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1922	Year (construction end)	1924
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Facts

- Tallest building in Chicago from 1924 to 1930; surpassed by the Chicago Board of Trade.
- The building contains 3 sanctuaries: a 2-story main sanctuary on the ground floor seating 1,200; the Dixon Chapel on the 2nd floor; and the "Sky Chapel" below the steeple, 400 feet high.
- This is the tallest church building in the world, but the tallest actual church is the Ulmer Münster in Germany.
- The Sky Chapel is too small for most masses, but is commonly used for special events like baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
- The building contains one residential unit: a parsonage for the Methodist church's senior pastor.
- The legendary trial attorney Clarence Darrow used to work on the 6th floor of this building.
- The Sky Chapel was installed in 1952 as a gift from Myrtle Walgreen in honor of her husband, the founder of the Walgreen's chain of drugstores.
- The church's congregation is the oldest in Chicago, dating back to a log church across the Chicago River in 1831. In 1838 the church was moved to this site.

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- A detailed model of the building is on display on the second floor.
- Another combination of a Methodist church with a skyscraper is the Methodist House in Hong Kong.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Holabird & Roche
Chicago
U.S.A.

Additional company data available for this building

General Contractor

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