

Historical Marker - HB49 - Third Reformed Church / Third Reformed Church (Marker ID#:HB49)



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Third Reformed Church

Under the leadership of the Reverend Albertus C. Van Raalte, founder of the Holland Colony, the Third Reformed Church was organized on September 9, 1867. The first house of worship, measuring ninety feet long, fifty-six feet wide, and thirty-two feet high, was erected on this site. In the great Holland fire of October 8 and 9, 1871, the first structure was destroyed. On January 2, 1873, disaster struck again as the newly erected framework of a second building was demolished in a high wind. The present church, a structure of beauty and symmetry, was dedicated on November 25, 1874. The architectural style is known as Carpenter Gothic. The building is of balloon frame, battened perpendicularly on the outside, finished with buttresses towering in pinnacles above the roof. The steepled bell tower was added in 1891. The parish hall and education facilities were built in 1952. During the centennial observance of 1967-68, the church building underwent extensive restoration so that it continues to stand as a significant historic landmark.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1976 **Erected Date:** 1976

Marker Location

Address: 110 West Twelfth Street

City: Holland

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Ottawa

Township: Holland

Lat: 42.78645000 / **Long:** -86.11233900

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From the time of its organization, a progressive spirit has marked the life of the Third Reformed Church. The congregation immediately organized a Sunday School with Isaac Cappon, Holland industrialist and the city's first mayor, as superintendent. In 1872 the church gave impetus to the establishment of a thirty thousand dollar endowment fund for Hope College. The missionary fervor of the Reformed Church in America caught hold quickly in the congregation. Miss Elizabeth Cappon went as a missionary teacher to Amoy,