

Columbus Ohio Temple Fact Sheet



Location: 3870 Gateway Boulevard
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Original Temple Announced: April 25, 1998

Original Groundbreaking: September 12, 1998

Original Dedication: September 4–5, 1999

Renovation Construction Start:
August 15, 2020

Public Open House: April 29–May 13, 2023
(Except Sundays)

Rededication: June 4, 2023

Property Size: 5 Acres

Building Size: 11,745 square feet

Building Height: 77 feet, including the statue
of the Book of Mormon prophet Moroni

Renovation Architect: HKS Architects

Interior Design: Gloria Hayley Interior Design

Contractor: Westland Construction

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Columbus Ohio Temple was originally built as part of an effort led by President Gordon B. Hinckley to bring temples closer to the members of the Church. At its dedication in 1999, it became the 60th operating temple of the Church and the first temple in Ohio. A second temple in Cleveland, Ohio, was announced by President Russell M. Nelson on April 3, 2022.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

BUILDING: The temple exterior is clad in granite and marble from Spain. IMS of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the subcontractor managing stone procurement and installation. The exterior envelope has been enhanced to provide significant climate control improvements for the reduction of energy use. Building acoustics have also been improved to create a more reverent and peaceful atmosphere within the building. Natural light has been introduced to the dressing rooms and the small sealing room, and other windows have been enlarged to provide greater access to natural light and additional art glass.

EXTERIOR ART GLASS: The colors in the art glass are inspired by the surrounding landscape. The pink magnolia blossom is a central feature combined with foliage that weaves around the decorative border of the glass. The glass was designed by HKS Architects with assistance from Holdman Studios, located in Lehi, Utah. Bovard Studio in Fairfield, Iowa, fabricated the glass along with the window framing system.

LANDSCAPING AND SITE: The landscape consists of plants native to the Columbus, Ohio, area. Trees and shrubs consist of both deciduous and coniferous varieties such as the Eastern redbud, Red Sunset maple, magnolias, junipers, and boxwoods. The landscape architect, MKSK, is local to Columbus, Ohio. The site has been renovated to provide additional circulation space for patrons with a continuous walkway around the temple and additional, larger plaza areas for group gatherings. Seat walls have been added and sidewalk connections inside and outside the fence have been included.

INTERIOR FEATURES

FLOORING: Flooring consists of Turkish stone with accents of stone from Pakistan. The stone colors are beige and gold. Stone procurement was through Daltile. Quarrying for the primary stone selections and fabrication of all interior stone was by Metamar in Turkey. Decorative area rugs were designed by Gloria Hayley Interior Design and were fabricated by Rugs International in China. Rugs include warm, geometric lacework patterns on cool background colors. Carpet carvings from Halfmoon Studio in Midvale, Utah, include similar patterns to the exterior art glass lattice and the magnolia blossom.

DECORATIVE PAINTING: Decorative painting for the ceilings and architectural elements were designed by HKS Architects and were developed and installed by Iconography, located in Utah. The decorative painting for walls in the celestial room and sealing rooms were designed and installed by Alicyn Wright. The designs are consistent with the Regency style chosen for the temple.

INTERIOR ART GLASS: Interior art glass consists of etched glass. Glass pieces with etched linework were designed by HKS Architects and fabricated by Stew Langer Studio in Riverside, Missouri. Doors in portions of the celestial room resemble the exterior art glass in clear patterns of the glass design. Interior art glass is found in the baptistry as well as the administration main entry areas.

DECORATIVE LIGHTING: Decorative pendant lighting was designed by Ciana Lighting of Heber City, Utah, and installed by Westland Construction. Chandeliers were designed by St. Louis Lighting and were installed by Westland Construction. The bride's room sconces and ceiling fixture were designed by Schonbek and installed by Westland Construction. Fixtures consist of frosted or cut glass from Europe and satin brass metal finishes.

BAPTISMAL FONT RAILINGS: Font railings were fabricated and installed by Belt Forge of Colombia. Railings are a satin brass metal finish with a wood cap.

DOORS AND HARDWARE: Doors in the temple are stile and rail wood doors. The hardware is a decorative cast metal with a satin brass finish. The hardware was designed by HKS Architects in conjunction with Michael Costantino and Luna Bronze of Utah. Patterns and motifs of the door hardware include the magnolia flower and the diamond lattice found in the art glass and floor patterns of the temple. The border of the hardware also relates to the etched glass borders around doors with glass.

CEILINGS: Ceilings consist of painted gypsum board and millwork trim constructed by Westland Construction and Masterpiece Millwork and Door. Crown moldings and stepped/coffered ceilings with additional millwork trim create a look consistent with the Regency style of the building interior. Ceilings include decorative paint as well as glass fiber reinforced gypsum medallions at decorative light fixture locations in the baptistry, celestial room and sealing rooms.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK: The temple's original artwork includes "High Mountain Meadow" and "Little Waterfall with Aspens" by Linda Curley Christensen.



History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbus, Ohio



EARLY CHURCH HISTORY IN OHIO

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was formally organized April 6, 1830, in Fayette, New York. Fewer than eight months later, Joseph Smith, the Prophet and President of the Church, received revelation that Ohio was to be the gathering place for Church members. Oliver Cowdery, Parley P. Pratt and others served a mission to Kirtland, a town in northeast Ohio. They baptized many people who had belonged to Baptist congregations led by Sidney Rigdon. Soon thereafter, a thriving body of Saints was living in the area. In December 1832, Church members living in Kirtland were instructed to build a temple of the restored Church, which was dedicated in March 1836. The Kirtland period was one of great revelation and growth. Kirtland served as Church headquarters from 1831 to 1838 and remains an important historic site for Latter-day Saints today.

After the main body of the Church settled in Utah, missionaries were sent throughout the world. Records indicate that some missionaries labored in Ohio. Church activity waned for several decades in Ohio. Small congregations were revived throughout the area beginning in 1876.

The first recorded meetings in Columbus, Ohio, were in May 1907. By February 1925, meetings were being held in

rented space on West Broad Street. When the Columbus Branch was organized in March 1925, Church members met in the Masonic Hall in downtown Columbus.

CONTINUED GROWTH IN OHIO

Church members financed and built the first Church-owned chapel in Ohio since the Kirtland era just north of Ohio State University in Columbus. The building was dedicated in February 1930. Nearly 30 years later, in April 1958, ground was broken for a larger building near Riverside Methodist Hospital. Again, members provided much of the labor and materials. The first meeting in the building was held in May 1959, and it was dedicated in September 1962.

The Columbus Ohio Stake (similar to a diocese) was organized in February 1962. During this period, many faithful members who moved to Columbus for employment and educational opportunities provided leadership and helped the membership of the Church grow in central Ohio.

A NEW TEMPLE IN OHIO

Church leaders continued to petition leadership in Salt Lake City to approve construction of a temple in Ohio. Their prayers were answered on April 25, 1998, when President Gordon B. Hinckley addressed Church members in Columbus and stated that they would have a temple in Ohio “soon.” It would be a small temple, in proportion to others built around the world, in keeping with a Church-wide plan to build smaller temples closer to Saints worldwide. A groundbreaking was held September 12, 1998, and President Hinckley dedicated the temple September 4–5, 1999.

REDEDICATION

After nearly 21 years of continuous operation, the Columbus Ohio Temple closed for renovation August 15, 2020. Following its rededication on June 4, 2023, the Columbus Ohio Temple will serve approximately 57,000 Latter-day Saints in 18 stakes throughout parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.



Temples throughout the World

More facts and statistics can be found at [Newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org)

315 TEMPLES: DEDICATED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND ANNOUNCED

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Anchorage Alaska

Atlanta Georgia

Austin Texas

Bakersfield California

Baton Rouge Louisiana

Bentonville Arkansas

Billings Montana

Birmingham Alabama

Bismarck North Dakota

Boise Idaho

Boston Massachusetts

Bountiful Utah

Brigham City Utah

Burley Idaho

Calgary Alberta

Cardston Alberta

Casper Wyoming

Cedar City Utah

Charlotte North Carolina

Chicago Illinois

Cleveland Ohio

Cody Wyoming

Columbia River Washington

Columbia South Carolina

Columbus Ohio

Dallas Texas

Denver Colorado

Deseret Peak Utah

Detroit Michigan

Draper Utah

Edmonton Alberta

Elko Nevada

Ephraim Utah

Farmington New Mexico

Feather River California

Fort Collins Colorado

Fort Lauderdale Florida

Fort Worth Texas

Fresno California

Gilbert Arizona

Grand Junction Colorado

Grand Rapids Michigan

Halifax Nova Scotia

Harrisburg Pennsylvania

Hartford Connecticut

Heber Valley Utah

Helena Montana

Houston Texas

Idaho Falls Idaho

Indianapolis Indiana

Jacksonville Florida

Jordan River Utah

Kansas City Missouri

Knoxville Tennessee

Kona Hawaii

Laie Hawaii

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Layton Utah

Lethbridge Alberta

Lindon Utah

Logan Utah

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Los Angeles California

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Manhattan New York

Manti Utah

McAllen Texas

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Memphis Tennessee

Meridian Idaho

Mesa Arizona

Missoula Montana

Modesto California

Monticello Utah

Montpelier Idaho

Montreal Quebec

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Rexburg Idaho North
Rexburg Idaho
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San Antonio Texas
San Diego California
San Jose California
Saratoga Springs Utah
Seattle Washington
Smithfield Utah
Snowflake Arizona
Spokane Washington
Springfield Missouri
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St. Louis Missouri
St. Paul Minnesota
Star Valley Wyoming
Syracuse Utah
Tacoma Washington
Tallahassee Florida
Tampa Florida
Taylorsville Utah
The Gila Valley Arizona
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Beira Mozambique
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Cape Town South Africa
Durban South Africa
Eket Nigeria
Freetown Sierra Leone
Harare Zimbabwe
Johannesburg South Africa
Kananga Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Kinshasa Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Kumasi Ghana
Lagos Nigeria
Lubumbashi Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Monrovia Liberia
Nairobi Kenya
Praia Cape Verde

ASIA

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Bacolod Philippines
Bangkok Thailand
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Cagayan de Oro Philippines
Cebu City Philippines
Davao Philippines
Dubai United Arab Emirates
Fukuoka Japan
Hong Kong China
Iloilo Philippines
Jakarta Indonesia

Kaohsiung Taiwan
Manila Philippines
Naga Philippines
Okinawa Japan
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Pago Pago American Samoa
Papeete Tahiti
Perth Australia
Port Moresby Papua New Guinea
Port Vila Vanuatu
Suva Fiji
Sydney Australia
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Wellington New Zealand

SOUTH AMERICA

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Arequipa Peru
Asunción Paraguay
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Barranquilla Colombia
Belém Brazil
Belo Horizonte Brazil
Bogotá Colombia
Brasília Brazil
Buenos Aires Argentina
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Campinas Brazil
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Chiclayo Peru
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Iquitos Peru
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Londrina Brazil
Maceió Brazil
Manaus Brazil
Mendoza Argentina
Montevideo Uruguay
Natal Brazil
Porto Alegre Brazil
Quito Ecuador
Recife Brazil
Ribeirão Preto Brazil
Rio de Janeiro Brazil
Salta Argentina
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