

Orem Utah Temple Fact Sheet



Address: 1451 South 1100 West,
Orem, Utah 84058

Temple Announced: October 5, 2019

Construction Started: June 2, 2020

Groundbreaking: September 5, 2020

Dedication: January 21, 2024

Public Open House:

Friday, October 27–Saturday, December 16, 2023
(excluding Sundays and Thanksgiving Day)

Property Size: 15.39 acres

Building Size: 71,998 square feet

Building Height: 218 feet, including the spire

Architect: Josh Stewart

Interior Design:

Linda Marshall; FFKR Architects

Contractor: Westland Construction

Located between the Wasatch Mountains and the shores of Utah Lake, the Orem Utah Temple is an ideal location on a site settled by Norwegian immigrants who arrived in Utah in 1864. As converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, generations of the Williamsen family homesteaded the 15 acres that were eventually purchased by the Church in 2004. The area, known as Lake View, was home to many fruit orchards. For that reason, the cherry blossom is the main design element of the interior finishes in the art glass, wood panels and metal handrails.

Similar to the exterior, the interior is simple, with natural materials. The design and finishes complement the ordinances and the significant patron areas. The use of marble wainscots and wood columns is common throughout the temple. The detail of the columns, coffered ceilings, and marble wainscot is more articulated as one moves through the ordinance rooms, culminating in the celestial room. The woodwork is painted, and the wall coverings are subtle, allowing the attention to remain on what takes place in the various rooms. The secondary spaces are simpler yet lovely.

By design, the Orem Utah Temple is unique to its location; however, the images in the art glass and cherry blossom design element pay homage to the history of the site and the culture of the surrounding area.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

BUILDING: The temple is a symmetrical three-story steel structure with granite cladding, topped by a multi-tiered tower with a slender steel steeple. The total height of the temple, including the spire, is 218 feet, making it one of the taller temples in the Church. The floor plan includes 4 instruction rooms, with 50 seats in each.

The exterior of the temple is clad in granite stone panels. The doors are bronze colored and the windows taupe hued with art glass. The Pedras Salgadas granite is cut and fabricated by Transgranitos, located in Portugal. The many granite panel carvings on the

parapets and the window surrounds were done by Quora in Michigan.

EXTERIOR ART GLASS: The art glass design of the first-story windows is reminiscent of the nearby wetlands and Utah Lake, using water, cattails, bulrushes and other grasses as prominent motifs. Design elements of the second- and third-story windows include the cherry tree, with blossoms, leaves and fruits all representing many of the surrounding orchards.

LANDSCAPING: A large selection of trees, shrubs and perennials have been chosen to fit the microclimate found at the temple site. These include white fir, bigtooth maple, Norwegian sunset maple, snow queen hydrangeas, common periwinkle and whirling butterflies.

FENCE AND WALKWAYS: The fence along 1100 West is made of decorative metal with stone landscape accents.

INTERIOR FEATURES

FLOORING: The flooring features Crema Marfil marble from Turkey that was fabricated in California, with cream, red and shades of green and brown coloring. The patterns show diamond shapes with circle accents, simple linear borders of multiple colors and additional cherry leaf border.

The stone flooring transitions to carpet in the ordinance rooms. The carpet carving is similar to the stone floor, with a diamond pattern and circle accents. Corner elements feature various flowers and cherry branches with blossoms, leaves and cherries wrapped around a bead-and-reel border. The carpets come in a range of green and gold colors to create an abstract floral atmosphere.

DECORATIVE PAINTING: Designs for the decorative painting were based on art nouveau styles, using curving lines, cattails and cherry branches and blossoms for the floral elements. Painted colors reflect the other colors used throughout the temple: reds and greens with light-brown and pink accents. Gold-leaf line work highlights specific designs and structural elements.

INTERIOR ART GLASS: The interior art glass designs are a simplification of the exterior windows and use the same bottom border pattern and grid work. The celestial room's glass doors and upper windows feature cherry tree branch, blossom and leaf designs.

LIGHTING: The light fixtures are a transitional cylindrical shape and include motifs inspired by the cherry tree. Their materials include brass, crystal and glass.

MILLWORK: Decorative millwork is featured throughout the temple, with art nouveau motifs inspired by local flora and the nearby wetlands.

FONT RAILING: The railings in the baptismal font are decorative metal and etched glass, also inspired by the cherry tree.

DOORS AND HARDWARE: The interior doors are painted wood with custom hardware.

WALLS: Painted walls, vinyl wallcovering, cellulose and nonwoven wall coverings specified for the temple feature cream, tan and green tones.

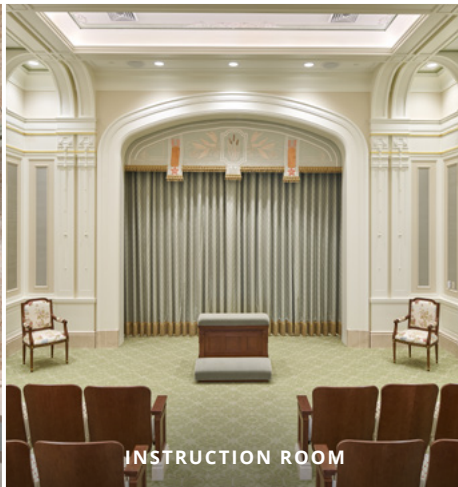
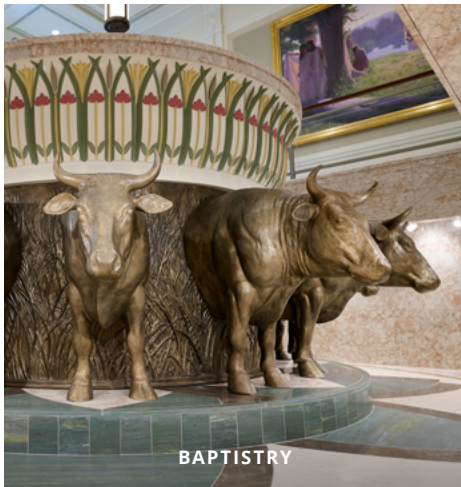
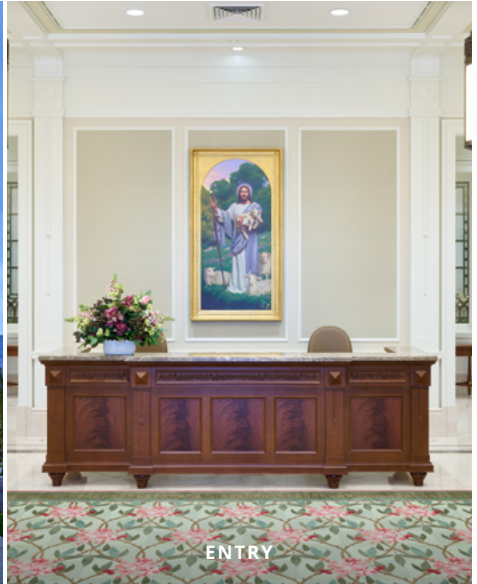
CEILINGS: The ceilings are gypsum board, with various millwork and decorative paint accents featuring the cherry tree and nearby wetlands.

FURNITURE: Furnishings throughout the temple feature a cherry finish.



OREM UTAH TEMPLE

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History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Central Utah County



EARLY SETTLEMENT IN CENTRAL UTAH COUNTY

Latter-day Saints began settling Utah Valley barely a year and a half after the first pioneer companies arrived in the Salt Lake Valley to the north. Led by John S. Higbee, 30 families established a settlement in Utah Valley in spring of 1849. There they encountered the Timpanogos Utes, a Native American tribe that had hunted and fished along the Provo River and in Utah Lake for generations. Like the Timpanogos, the Latter-day Saints established settlements and a fort near the river, where water was plentiful and the soil was rich.

Brigham Young and other Church leaders initially taught the Latter-day Saints to befriend, share food with and proselytize the Native Americans. But cultural misunderstandings and greed soon led to bloody episodes that cost the lives of tribe members and settlers alike. Missionary efforts among the Utes produced some converts but not as many as the Saints had hoped. Even as violence gradually subsided, deep cultural differences remained, and by the 1870s most of the Utes made their homes on the federally established reservation in the Uinta Basin to the east.

COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Occupied as they were with simply surviving, the Latter-day Saints still sought spiritual blessings through regular worship and through temple ordinances and covenants. By 1851, more than 2,000 Church members occupied Utah County. The Utah Stake of the Church was organized and the city of Provo was incorporated the same year. Members seeking sacred temple ordinances were able to receive them in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City beginning in 1855.

Development was slower in the sage-covered benchland at the base of Mount Timpanogos, which lacked easy access to water. But during the 1860s, a few pioneers there began grazing livestock and digging irrigation canals for vegetable crops and fruit orchards. Most who worked that land continued living in Provo. It wasn't until 1877 that Thomas and Mary Ann Benson Cordner built the first year-round residence on the bench.

In 1867, the red sandstone Provo Tabernacle was dedicated, and it quickly became the center of worship and community events. Brigham Young Academy was established in 1875 on property deeded by the Church President, contributing to the area's continued cultural and intellectual growth.

During this period, some skilled laborers traveled north to work on the Salt Lake Temple, a monumental 40-year effort. By the time the temple was dedicated in 1893, the Endowment House had been demolished, and the new temple became the place for members to perform sacred temple ordinances.

GROWTH IN THE 20TH CENTURY

By the turn of the century, Church membership in the valley had reached 24,500, and in January 1901 the Utah Stake was divided to create three new stakes. The Alpine Stake in the north contained the Alpine, American Fork, Lehi, Cedar Valley, Pleasant Grove, and Lindon Wards. The Utah Stake encompassed the Timpanogos,

Vineyard, Pleasant Valley, Lake View, Provo, Springville, Pleasant View, and Mapleton Wards. And the Nebo Stake included wards in Spanish Fork, Payson, and other towns in the south.

By 1900 there were almost 700 residents on the Provo Bench, and farms and orchards were flourishing thanks to an impressive system of canals. When the community incorporated in 1919, the name Orem was chosen to secure investment from Walter C. Orem, president of the Salt Lake and Utah Electric Interurban Railroad, for a rail line running through the town. Because it carried fruit and vegetables from Orem to the rest of the state, Orem was soon nicknamed the “Garden City of Utah.”

The Vineyard area was known for its dairy farms. After early settlers drained and leveled hundreds of acres of swampland along the shore of Utah Lake, they developed large herds of cattle and the associated dairies. At its peak, there were 18 dairy farms in the area. But when the Geneva Steel plant was built in 1942, it displaced almost 40 farmers, affecting 17 dairies.

The Church in Utah Valley grew at an impressive rate during the first half of the 20th century. By 1947 there were 13 stakes in the valley, with almost 55,000 Church members. But participating in temple ordinances still required a 45-mile trip to the Salt Lake Temple or an 85-mile journey south to the Manti Utah Temple.

With the growth of the Church’s missionary efforts around the world, a Missionary Language Institute was established at Brigham Young University in Provo in

1961. It was soon expanded to become the Language Training Mission. By 1976, the first phase of the Church’s Missionary Training Center, adjacent to BYU, was completed.

In 1967, the First Presidency announced the Provo Utah Temple, and a five-person committee selected a site east of Brigham Young University. Construction began in 1969, and the temple was dedicated in 1972 by then-Elder Harold B. Lee of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who read the dedicatory prayer written by Church President Joseph Fielding Smith.

THE CHURCH IN UTAH VALLEY TODAY

The Church has grown along with the general population. Twenty-four years after the dedication of the Provo temple, in 1996, Church President Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple. By then, Church population in the valley had swelled to over 286,000 members in 96 stakes.

In 2010, a catastrophic fire destroyed the Provo Tabernacle. Church President Thomas S. Monson announced that it would be rebuilt into a temple, which was dedicated in 2016 as the Provo City Center Temple by Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. The Payson Utah Temple had been dedicated a year earlier by President Henry B. Eyring of the First Presidency. He also dedicated the Saratoga Springs Utah Temple in August 2023. Today, there are over 560,000 Church members in Utah Valley, worshipping in 180 stakes.



KEVIN W. PEARSON

General Authority Seventy



Elder Kevin W. Pearson was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2008. At the time of his call, he had been serving as the president of the Washington Tacoma Mission. He previously served as a counselor in the Europe East Area, President of

the Pacific Area, President of the North America West Area, area assistant in the North America Southwest Area, Assistant Executive Director in the Family History Department, and Assistant Executive Director of the Missionary Department. He is currently serving at Church headquarters as the President of the Utah Area.

Elder Pearson has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Finland Helsinki Mission, stake missionary, elders quorum president, ward Young Men president, high councilor, counselor in a bishopric, bishop, and mission president.

Elder Pearson received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Utah in 1981. In 1983 he received a Master of Business Administration in corporate finance from Harvard Business School. Prior to his call as a mission president, he was working as the chief executive officer at Ingenix Inc.

Kevin Wayne Pearson was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 10, 1957. He married June Langeland in June 1980. They are the parents of six children.



ADILSON DE PAULA PARRELLA

General Authority Seventy



Elder Adilson de Paula Parrella was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints on April 1, 2017. Since joining the Church in 1971, he has served in numerous Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Brazil Porto Alegre Mission, branch president, bishop, high councilor, stake presidency counselor, Area Seventy, and president of the Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission.

Adilson de Paula Parrella was born in Guarujá, São Paulo, Brazil, in November 1962. He married Elaine Finholdt in 1988. They are the parents of five children. He received a bachelor's degree in communications in 1989 and a master's degree in business administration in 1991, both from Brigham Young University.

Elder Adilson de Paula Parrella previously served at Church headquarters in Salt Lake City. He is currently serving as President of the Brazil Area. He worked as managing director at Kodak Polychrome Graphics until 2005 and was a partner at Korn Ferry International until 2009 and recently a partner at Caldwell Partners.

