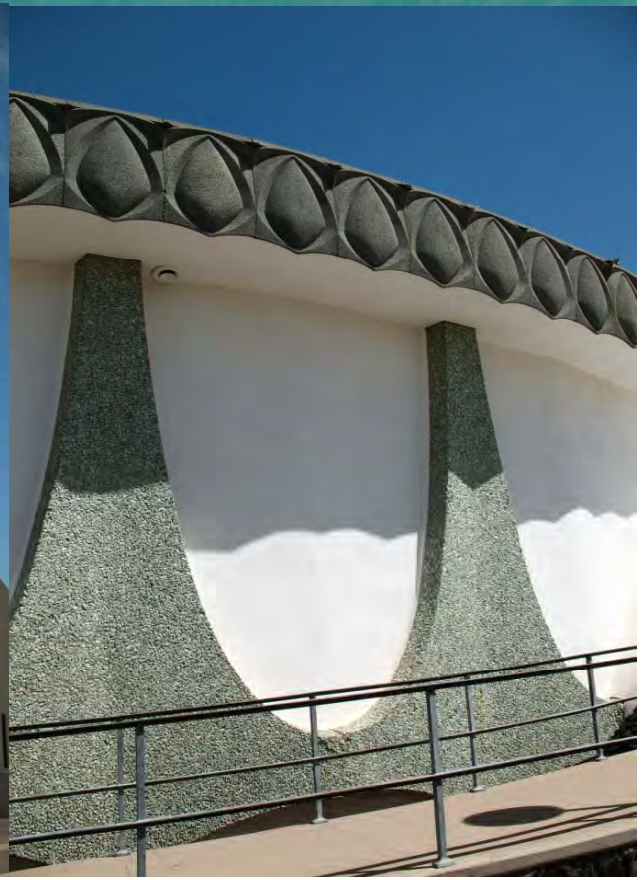
Religious Architectural Styles in Scottsdale

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Scottsdale Religious Architecture Style Typology

- Revival Styles
  - Spanish Colonial, Gothic, Classical, Etc.
- Traditional Vernacular Church Style
- Residential or Domestic Style
  - Ranch House, Character Ranch

Typology Continued

- Modern Styles
- Modern Sub-styles in Scottsdale
  - International
  - Southwest Modern
  - Prairie School/Wrightian
  - Expressionist
  - Brutalist

Revival Styles: AZ Examples



Brophy Chapel, Phoenix

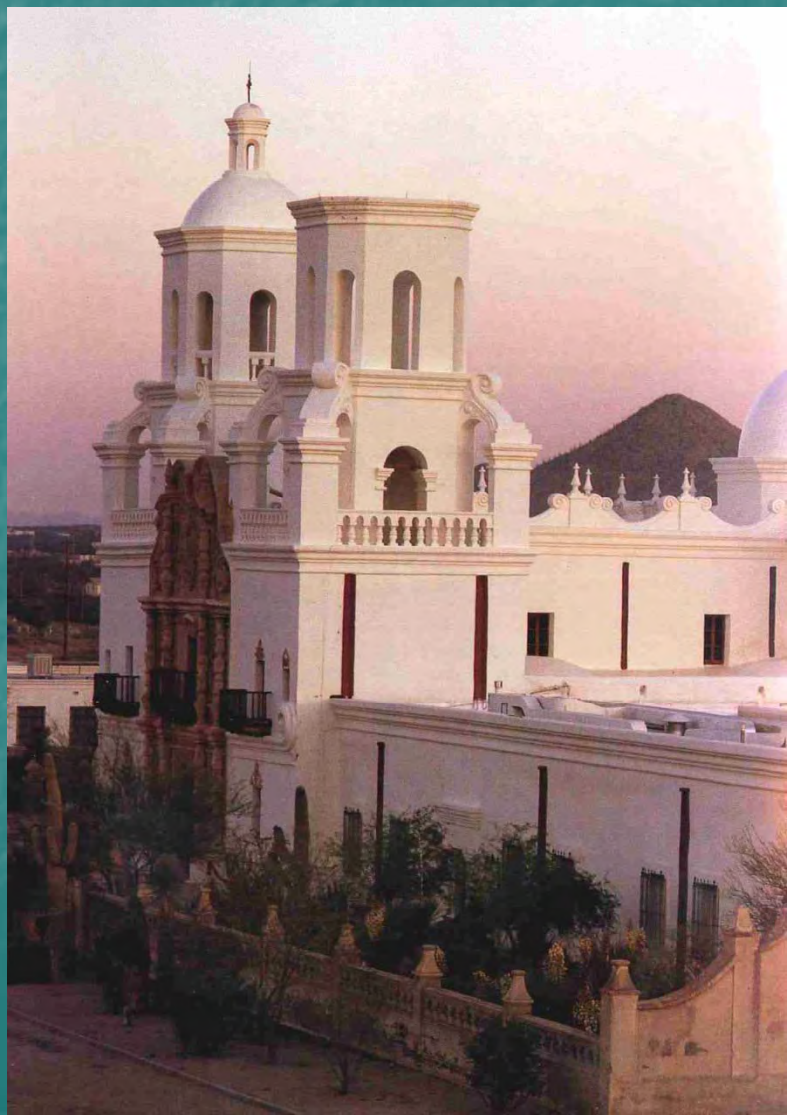


St Philip's in the Hills, Tucson

Revival Styles: AZ Examples



Grace Lutheran , Phoenix



St Xavier del Bac, Tucson area

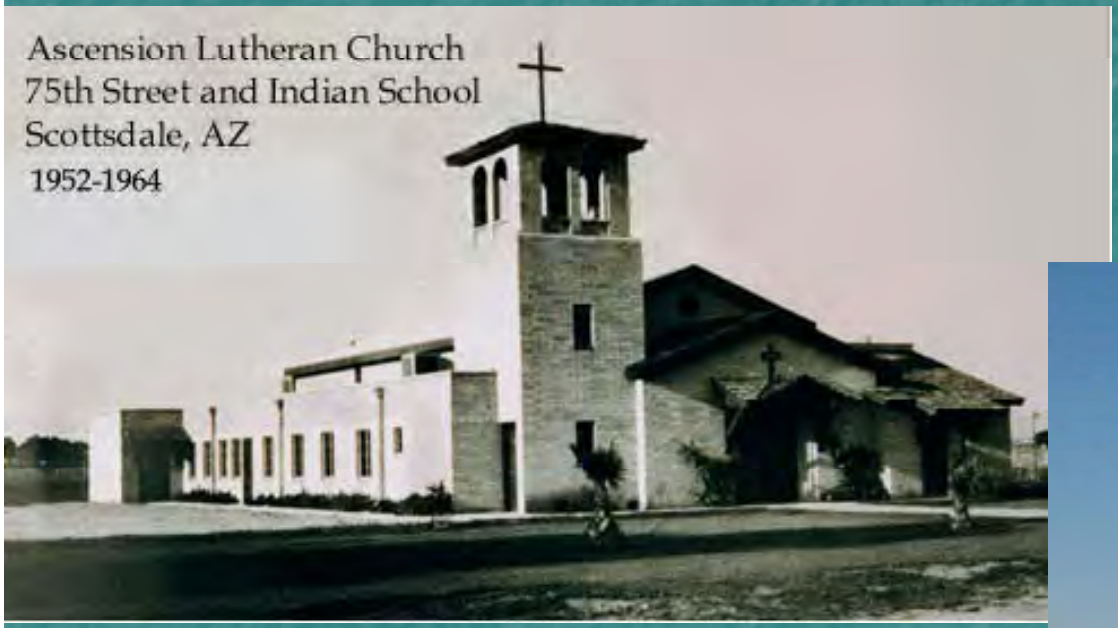
Revival Styles: Scottsdale Example





OLPH Mission Church (Old Adobe Mission)
Placed on Scottsdale register in 2001
Robert T. Evans

Traditional Vernacular: Scottsdale Examples



Ascension Lutheran Church
(Community Design Studio)



Open Arms Wesleyan

Traditional Vernacular: Scottsdale Examples



Scottsdale Christian Church



Hindu Temple

Residential or Domestic Style: Scottsdale Examples



Narazene – Character Ranch



Church of God

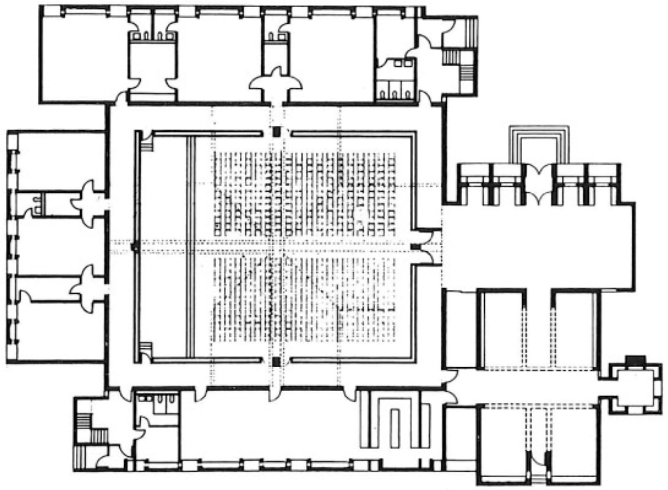
Modern Style: National Examples

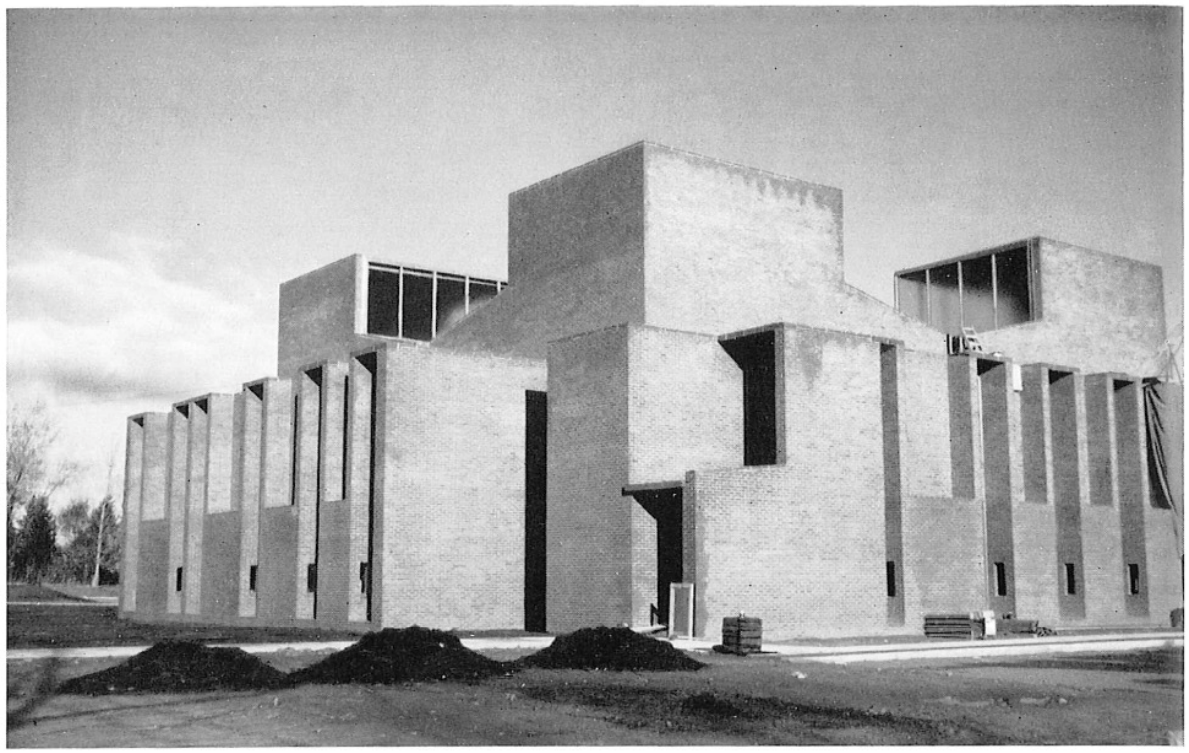


First Baptist Church, Columbus, IN
Harry Weese

Modern Style: National Examples

374, 375. Louis I. Kahn. Unitarian Church. Rochester, New York, 1959–62. Floor plan and view.





Unitarian Church, Rochester, NY
Louis Kahn

Modern Style: Arizona Example





Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Chapel
Ralph Haver

Modern Style: Arizona Example







St Barnabas on the Desert,
Paradise Valley
T. S. Montgomery

Modern Style: Scottsdale Example





Scottsdale United Methodist Church
T. S. Montgomery

Modern Style: Scottsdale Example



Palm Lane Christ Reformed





Examples of Modern Sub-Styles

- International
- Southwest Modern
- Prairie School/Wrightian
- Expressionist
- Brutalist

International Style: National Example



First Christian Church, Columbus, IN
Eliel Saarinen

International Style: Scottsdale Example





Salem Lutheran Church

Southwest Modern Style: Arizona Example





Christ Church of the Ascension, PV
Bennie Gonzales

Southwest Modern Style: Scottsdale Example







First Church of Christ, Scientist
T. S. Montgomery

Southwest Modern Style: Scottsdale Example







First Christian Church
Richard Caviness, Cooper Downs & Assoc.
Bennie Gonzales for later sanctuary

Prairie/Wrightian Style: National Example





Unity Temple, Chicago
Frank Lloyd Wright

Prairie/Wrightian Style: Arizona Example

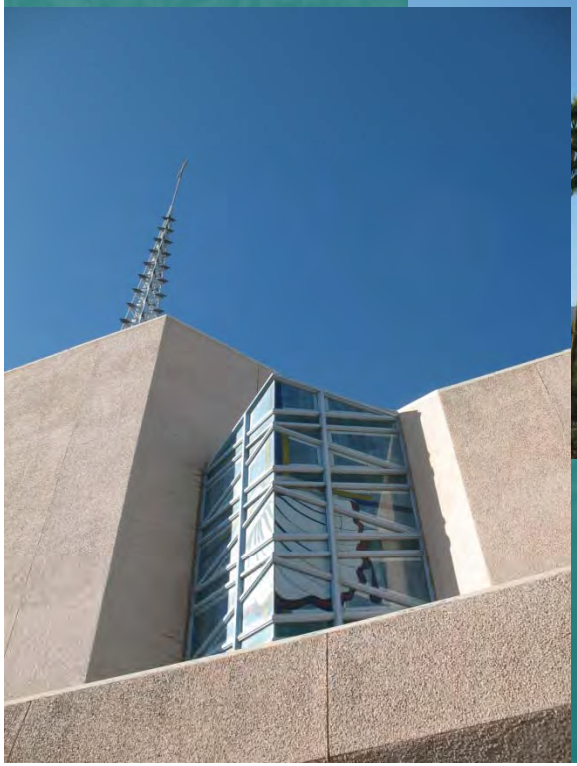






First Christian Church, Phoenix
Posthumous FLW Design

Prairie/Wrightian Style: Arizona Example







Ascension Lutheran Church, Paradise Valley
William Wesley Peters

Prairie/Wrightian Style: Scottsdale Example





The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 74th St

Prairie/Wrightian Style: Scottsdale Example



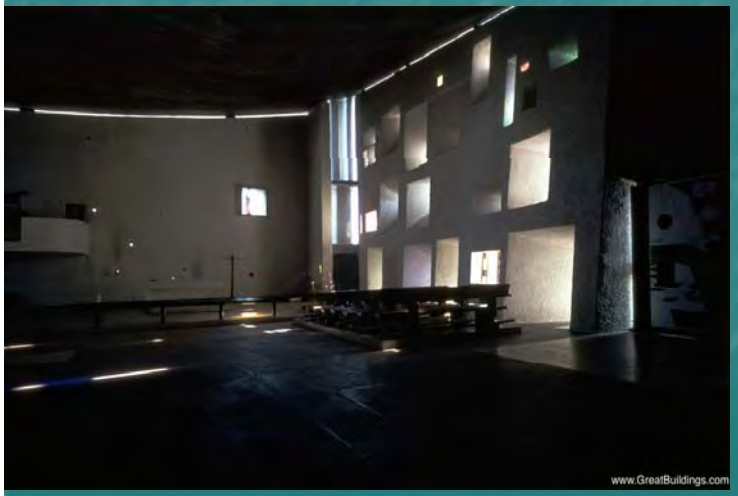




AZ Conference Seventh Day Adventists
Charles Schiffner, Taliesin Assoc.

Expressionist Style: International Example





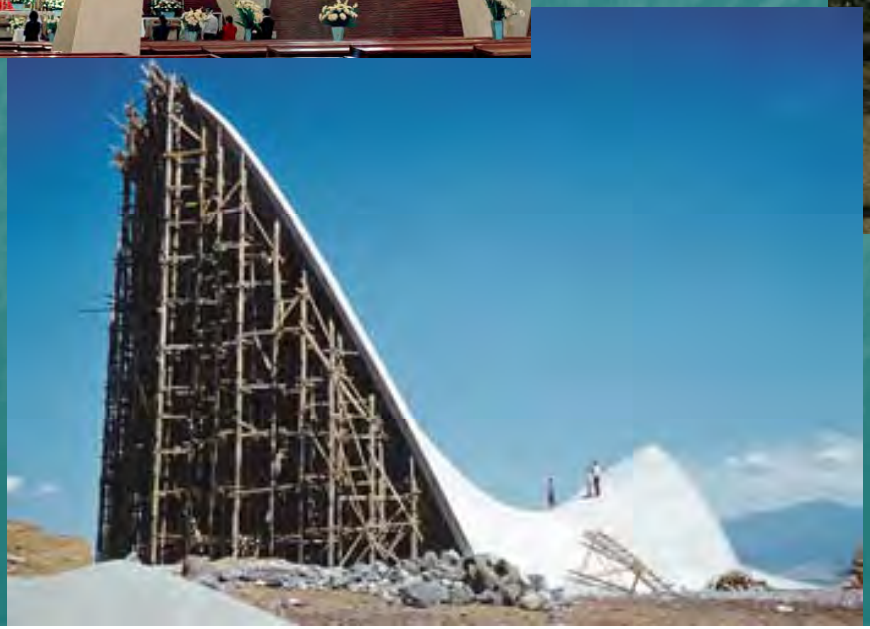


Notre Dame du Haut Chapel,
Ronchamp, France
Le Corbusier

Expressionist Style: International Example

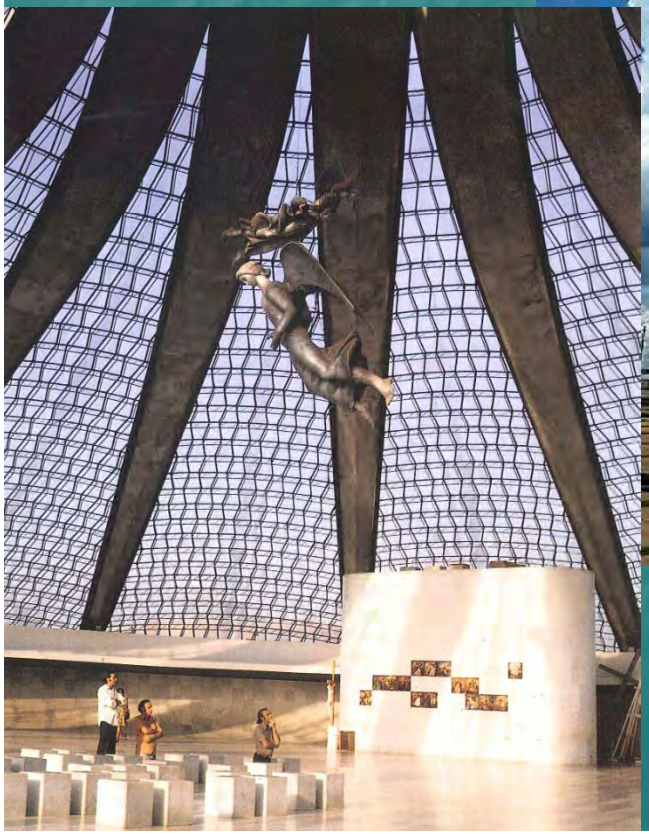






Thin-shelled Concrete Churches in Mexico
Felix Candela

Expressionist Style: International Example





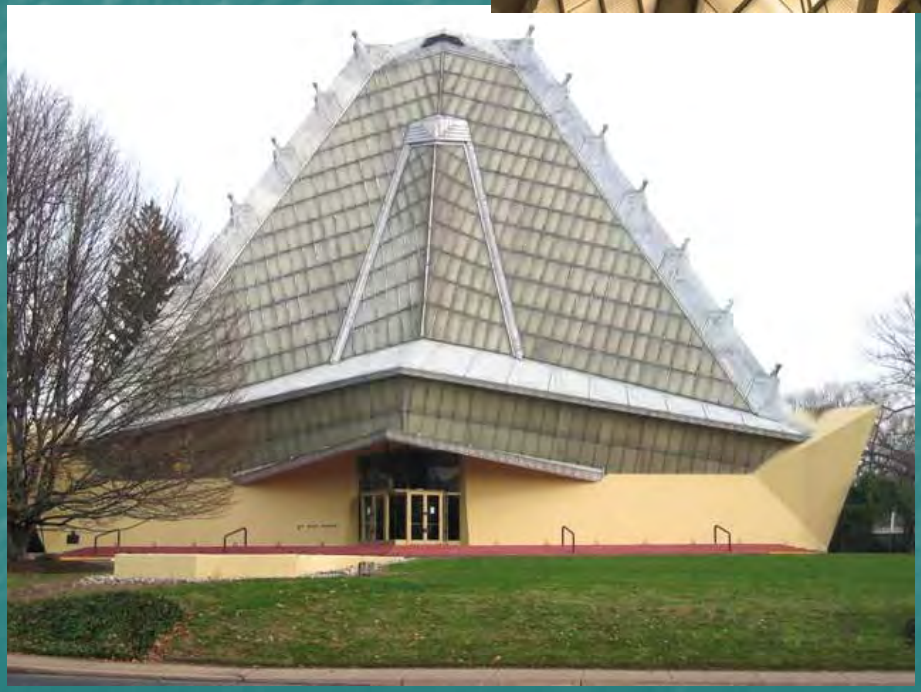
National Cathedral, Brazilia, Brazil
Oscar Niemeyer

Expressionist Style: National Examples



Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church
Wauwatosa, WI
Frank Lloyd Wright



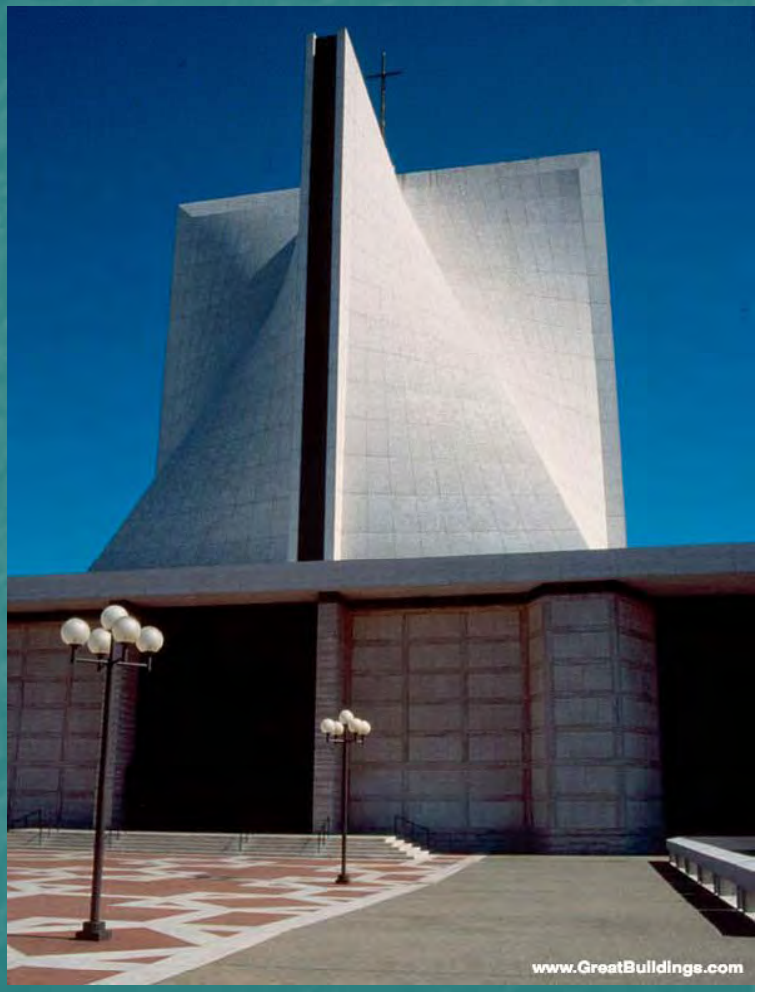


Beth Sholom Synagogue, Elkins Park, PA
Frank Lloyd Wright

Expressionist Style: National Examples



US Air Force Academy Chapel,
Colorado Springs
Skidmore Owings & Merrill



St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco
Pietro Belluschi & Pier Luigi Nervi

Expressionist Style: Scottsdale Example





Los Arcos (Valley Plaza) Methodist Church
Cartmell and Rossman
John K. Parsons

Expressionist Style: Scottsdale Example







Holy Cross Lutheran
William D. Knight, Jr

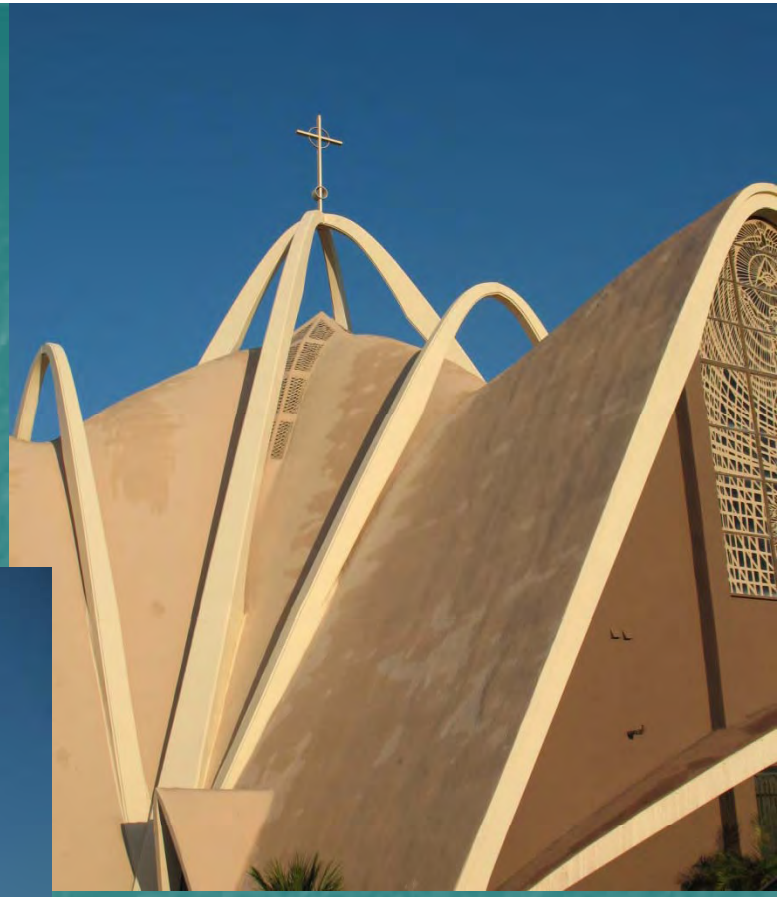
Expressionist Style with Southwest Modern Influences: Scottsdale Example





Glass and Garden Community Church
E. Logan Campbell

Expressionist Style: Scottsdale Example





St Maria Goretti
Wendell E. Rossman
John K. Parsons

Brutalist Style: National Example



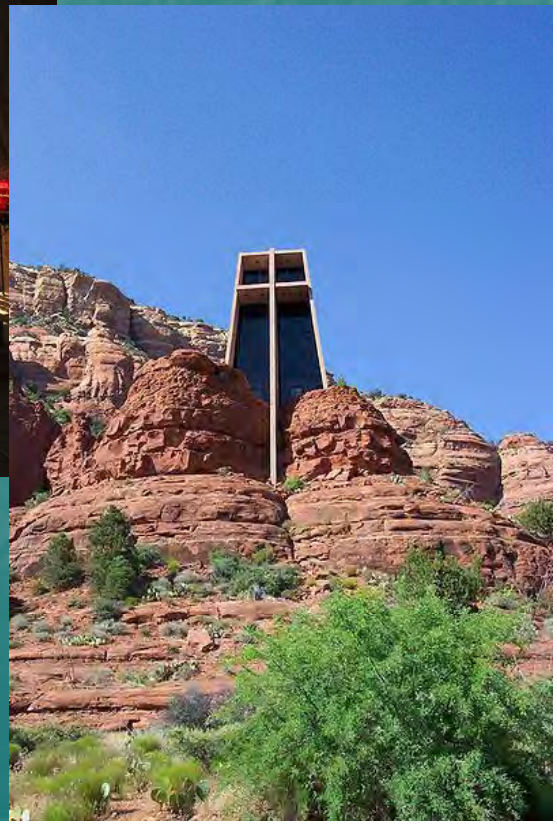


St John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN
Marcel Breuer

Brutalist Style: Arizona Example







Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sedona
Anshen Allen & Marguerite Brunswig Staude



Brutalist Style: Arizona Example



Living Streams Church, Phoenix

Brutalist Style: Scottsdale Example





Scottsdale Baptist Church