

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

120 East Edenton Street, Raleigh

In 1847, when Christ Church was under construction, its minister wrote to its architect, Richard Upjohn, expressing the hope that the new building would “be the means of introducing a new style of church architecture in the south.” His hopes were fulfilled. Designed in the early-English Gothic style, Christ Church set a precedent that was followed for many years in the region. The exemplary Gothic Revival building with its steeply pitched rooflines and stone tower and spire is considered one of Upjohn’s finest exercises in the style. Excellently maintained, the church remains an ornament on Raleigh’s Capitol Square and provides a fascinating architectural contrast with the Greek Revival Capitol across the way.