

**Parkwood Avenue Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
1017 Parkwood Avenue**



The Parkwood Avenue Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, which opened in January 1929 as Villa Heights Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was and remains the most architecturally significant church building in the Villa Heights neighborhood, an early 20th-century Charlotte suburb. The church draws special significance from its place within a collection of imposing church buildings erected by ARP congregations in Charlotte in the first half of the 20th century. The architect of the church was Charlotte native Louis Asbury, Sr., the first North Carolinian to belong to the American Institute of Architects and an architect of local and regional importance. The transfer of ownership of the Parkwood Avenue Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to the Parkwood Institutional Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was a manifestation of the changing racial population of the Villa Heights neighborhood, a phenomenon that occurred in many inner suburbs of Charlotte and throughout the South in the mid-20th century as increasing numbers of White residents moved farther from the city centers.

