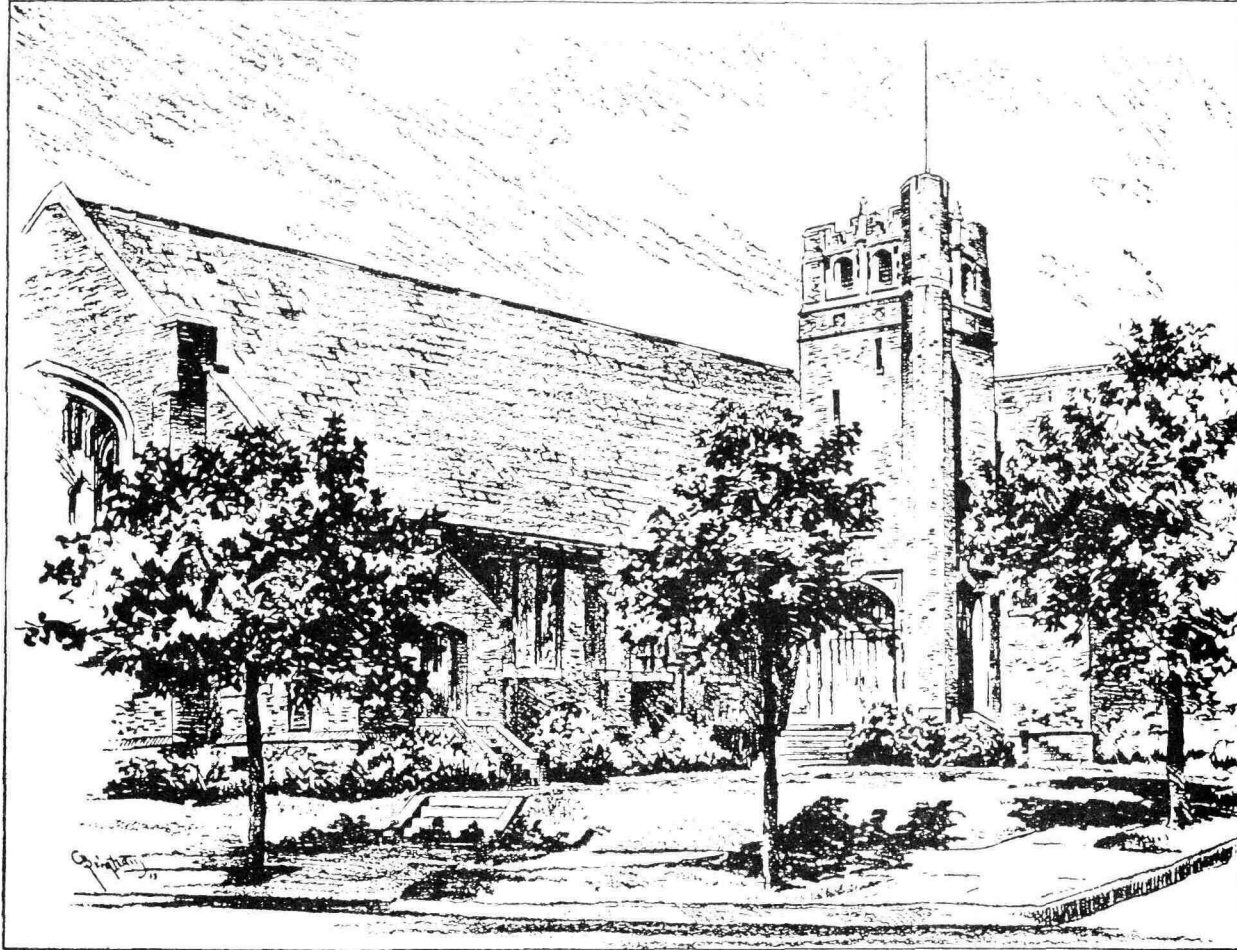


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SITUATED on a large plot at the corner of Kearny and Laurel Avenues, the First Presbyterian Church is one of Kearny's most distinguished buildings. Early history of the town reveals that the First Presbyterian Church building was located on the east side of Kearny Avenue just south of Midland Avenue in 1879. Some of the older residents of Arlington still remember the rugged stone building which stood for many years as a landmark in the northern section of town. With the rapid growth of the congrega-

tion under the guidance of Rev. William Coombe it soon became necessary to obtain larger quarters. Ground for the present church building was broken in 1913, and the building was dedicated on November 1, 1914, shortly after the beginning of the World War. The building is an imposing one, and it dominates the neighborhood scene. The dignity of the long, solid lines of the structure and the strength of the medieval tower lend a distinction to the scene. An addition in the rear was built in 1927.