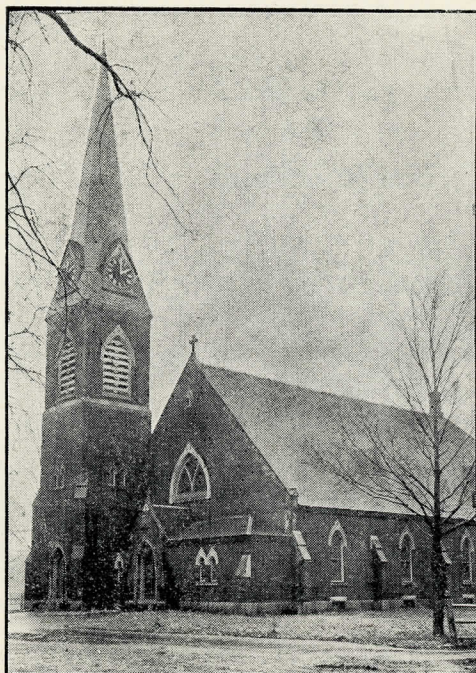


# 75th Anniversary of the Dedication

of the present

## First Congregational Church in Farmington

March Eighth, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-one



Founders of the Church, September 15th, 1819

REVEREND JAMES WALKER

BENJAMIN FURBER

NOAH HORNE

PETER AKERMAN

MEHITABLE HAYES

MARY FURBER

MARY (MRS. SAMUEL) FURBER

MEHITABLE FURBER

ELIZABETH ROBERTS

*"These all died in faith not having received  
the promise but having seen it afar off"  
"And their works do follow them"*

# PROGRAM



ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION AND DOXOLOGY

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation", 339

INTRODUCTION BY PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES' AID

MRS. EVERETT EMERSON

"Early History of the Church"

MRS. JOHN F. CLOUTMAN

"Organizations of the Church"

MRS. L. A. CLARKSON

ADDRESS: "Later History of the Church" — presented  
by Mrs. E. T. Willson as given by her at the  
100th Anniversary in 1919.

"The Last Two Decades"

MRS. ERNEST KIMBALL

"Choir History"

MRS. RAY B. CURRIER

ANTHEM: "Hark, Hark My Soul"  
Choir

*Harry Rowe Shelley*

"Ministers of the Church Since the Rev. Paul  
Pitkin"

MRS. EVERETT EMERSON

ADDRESS: "Christian Effort" — *Text Ephesians 4:13* —  
used by the Rev. Paul Pitkin at the Dedication  
Rev. Myles D. Blanchard,  
28th Minister of the Church

HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", 24

BENEDICTION

REV. MYLES D. BLANCHARD

POSTLUDE

Organist: MRS. RUBY CHESLEY

# OUR CHURCH

The Town of Farmington, formerly the Northwest Parish of Rochester, was incorporated Dec. 1, 1798. In 1819, September 15, the First Congregational Church was organized by the Rev. James Walker, under the auspices of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, with a membership of eight persons, three men and five women, namely: Benjamin Furber, Peter Akerman, Noah Horne, Mehitable Hayes, Mary Furber, Mary Furber (Captain Samuel Furber's wife), Mehitable Furber, Elizabeth Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Furber and Noah Horne were received by letter from the church in Rochester, and Mehitable Hayes had been a member of the Lebanon church. Religious services had been held by both Free Baptist and Congregational people, in the town, prior to 1819, but the present so-called "First" church dates to that year, previous organizations not having been permanent. On the date named a discourse was given from Luke 12:32, and the ordinance of the Lord's supper was observed. The church remembers with grateful appreciation the labors of men and women, pastors and laymen, whose devotion to the interests of the organization ceased only with their visible lives, and the people hold also in tender remembrance the self-sacrifice and faithful love of the living to whom so much is owed for like reasons.

—From the Second Manual — 1902



## OUR MINISTERS

1819-1826 James Walker	1893-1898 Sam H. Goodwin
1827-1829 Clement Parker	1898-1901 Carl E. Sinclair
1829-1840 Pulpit served by students and visiting elders.	1901-1902 Arthur Lee Golden
1840-1842 Timothy Morgan	1902-1908 Edward D. Disbrow
1844-1846 Joseph Lane	1908-1913 James D. Smiley
1847-1850 Benjamin G. Willey	1913-1916 Burton L. Hess
1851-1852 Roger M. Sargent	1916-1923 Jeffrey G. Haigh
1852-1858 Daniel Dana Tappan	1923-1925 George W. Clark
1860-1869 Roger M. Sargent, D.D.	1925-1928 William R. Hamlin
1869-1871 W. S. Kimball	1928-1931 Stanley R. Hopper
1872-1874 Eugene H. Titus	1931-1933 D. Harrison Smith
1875-1877 Paul H. Pitkin	1934-1938 James W. Newton
1877-1889 Walter E. Darling	1939-1941 Irving B. Farnum
1889-1892 William J. Sweet	1942-1946 James B. Ford
	1946-1951 Myles D. Blanchard

## OUR PRESENT ORGANIZATION

- Moderator* – Myles D. Blanchard  
*Vice-Moderator* – Ned Parker  
*Clerk* – Mrs. Alex Haskell  
*Treasurer* – Roscoe Chamberlain  
*Financial Secretary* – Mrs. John Ham, Jr.  
*Assistant Financial Secretary* – John Ham, Jr.  
*Wardens* – Walter Young – 1951  
          Mrs. Harry Nute – 1952  
          Normand P. Liberty – 1953  
          Ivan Golding – 1954  
          John Lawrence – 1955  
*Auditors* – Leslie Ham  
          Mrs. Helen Bragg  
*Deacons* – Ernest Kimball  
          Leslie Ham  
*Alternate Deacons* – Ralph Whitehouse  
                        John Gilman  
                        Ivan Golding  
                        Roscoe Chamberlain  
*Deaconesses* – Mrs. Edith Bowley  
                        Mrs. Lulu V. Tuttle  
*Alternate Deaconesses* – Mrs. Leora Otis  
                        Mrs. Ernest Kimball  
                        Mrs. Clifford Cilley  
*Decorating Committee* – Mrs. Ethel Hayes  
                        Mrs. Velzora Thayer  
                        Mrs. Walter Greeley  
*Music Committee* – Mrs. James Thayer  
                        Mrs. Edwin Towle  
                        Dr. Charles Shagoury  
*Religious Education Committee* – Mrs. Guy Harrison  
  Mrs. John Lawrence  
  Mrs. Richmond Parshley  
*Social Action and Parish Welfare* – Mrs. Melvin Earle  
*Superintendent of Church School* – Mrs. Guy Harrison  
*President of Ladies' Aid* – Mrs. Everett Emerson  
*President of Men's Club* – Sherburne Buckler  
*Director of Music* – Mrs. Ray B. Currier  
*Organist* – Mrs. Ruby Chesley  
*Ushers* – John Ham, Jr.  
          Ivan Golding  
          Ralph Kingsbury  
          Ralph Burnham  
*Sexton* – Melvin Earle