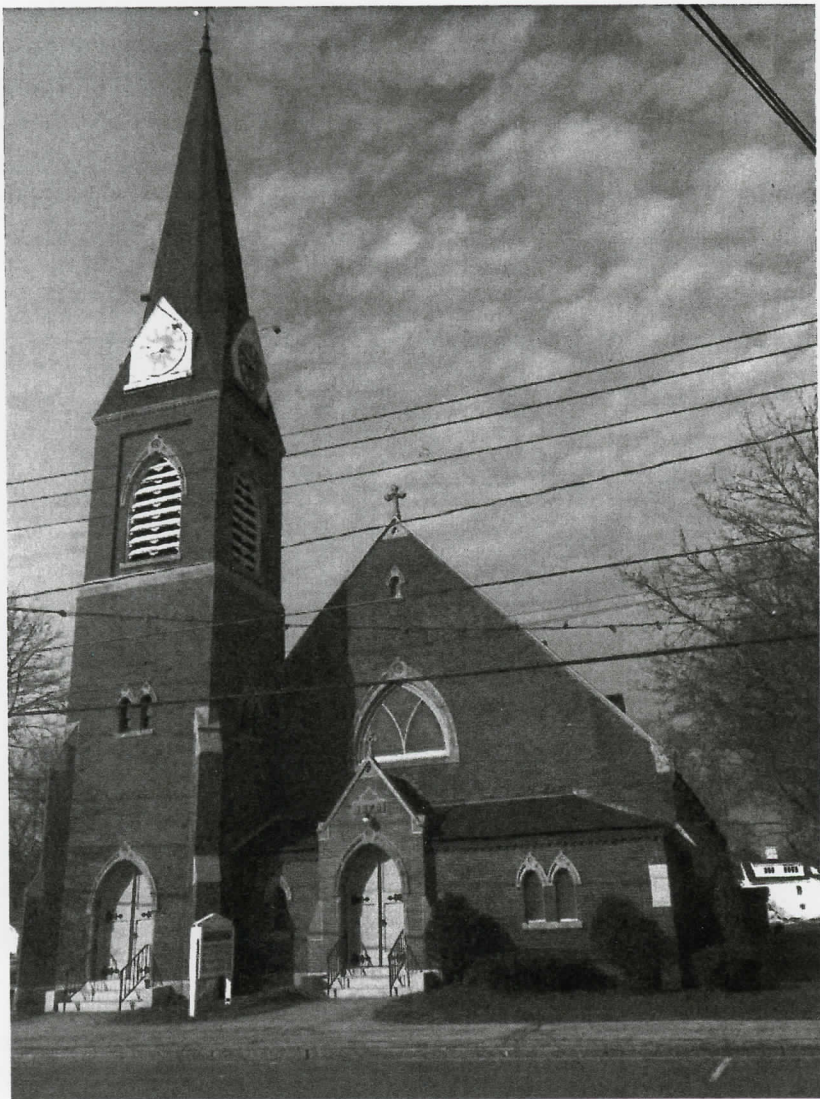
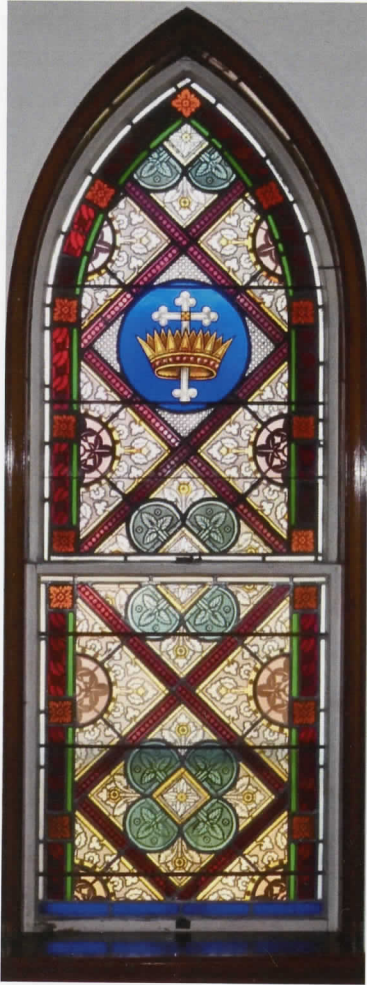


The First Congregational Church, UCC  
of Farmington, New Hampshire



Celebrating 200 Years of Christian Service  
1819-2019

## The Lancelot Sanctuary Windows



The Cross and Crown



The Anchor Cross

The unity of design of the church's Gothic Revival architecture is reflected in the eight lancet stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Four of the windows are with foliage patterns only. The other four windows have distinctive Christian emblems in round colored circles called "roundels". Each one measures 90 inches by 30 inches, perhaps in homage to sacred geometry.

## The Grisaille Stained Glass Windows

The First Congregational Church was built in 1875 with seating for 350 people. During the day, the sanctuary is illuminated with the natural light of eight stained glass windows on the walls, four triangular roof windows and a prominent arched window above the main entrance. The windows have unique “grisaille” foliage patterns stenciled onto diagonal pieces of glass. Vitreous paint is used and fired to adhere the image permanently to the glass. This 14<sup>th</sup> century technique was made popular in New England by Samuel West of Boston following the Civil War.



### The Archangel Window

This impressive window is high above the sanctuary, over the main entrance to the church. It is the largest of all the grisaille windows measuring nine feet at the base and five feet high to the apex of the arch. This unique three-part Gothic design has two lower triangular leaded windows. They support the diamond shaped window depicting the hand drawn angel with crossed arms and shaded wings.

## Preserving The Stained Glass Windows of Historic First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church is listed on New Hampshire's Register of Historic Places and will soon be recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as an outstanding example of Gothic Revival architecture and for its collection of 17 grisaille stained glass windows valued at \$196,000.

In 1976, the congregation began preserving the glass windows by placing a clear plastic protective window over each one. After years of weathering, the plastic windows have faded. The full beauty of these historic windows cannot be completely seen or appreciated until the natural light shines through them.



### **You Can Participate in Preserving History**

We are working with the Willet Hauser Architectural Glass Studio of Winona, Minnesota who installed the original plastic coverings in 1976. Their craftsmen have over six decades of experience in stained glass restoration. The cost of replacing the protective plastic windows is \$40,000. We are applying for a \$20,000 matching grant. The church is accepting donations to raise the remaining \$20,000 to begin the project.

Your support will be greatly valued as we restore and protect this national treasure for the enjoyment of generations to come. Please send your tax-deductible donation to:

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Thank you for your interest and generous contribution.