



Saturday, October 22: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, First Parish in Concord. Light breakfast. **Panel presentation**, led by Rev. Jenny Rankin of First Parish, with Rev. Mark Harris of First Parish in Watertown, MA and Prof. Ronald Bosco, SUNY, Albany, New York. Followed by **concurrent learning sessions on First Parish and its influences.** Tom Potter, President of The Thoreau Society, and Mel Bernstein, Richard Lowitt, Lynn Hyde, Beth Norton, other historians will lead these engaging sessions. Topics to include:

- Rev. William Emerson's Impact on First Parish and the American Revolution
- Thoreau: In the Shadow of First Parish
- The Anti-Slavery Sentiment at First Parish
- History of Women at First Parish
- Ezra Ripley and Emerson at First Parish
- The Humanist at Work at First Parish
- First Parish in Social Action
- The Music of First Parish

Tickets available from First Parish in Concord. \$15.

Saturday, October 22: 3:30 and 4:00 pm, Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Tours. 6th Grade students from First Parish Religious Education program will lead tours highlighting six notable Unitarian Universalists who are buried in Sleepy Hollow.

Saturday, October 22: 5:00 pm, Social Time, Grand Dinner and Program for the First Parish Community and Families. The program is entitled "The Way We Were," a 1940-2000 First Parish retrospective, with special acknowledgement of those who have been at First Parish for 50 years or more. For tickets, contact the First Parish office, 978-369-9602.

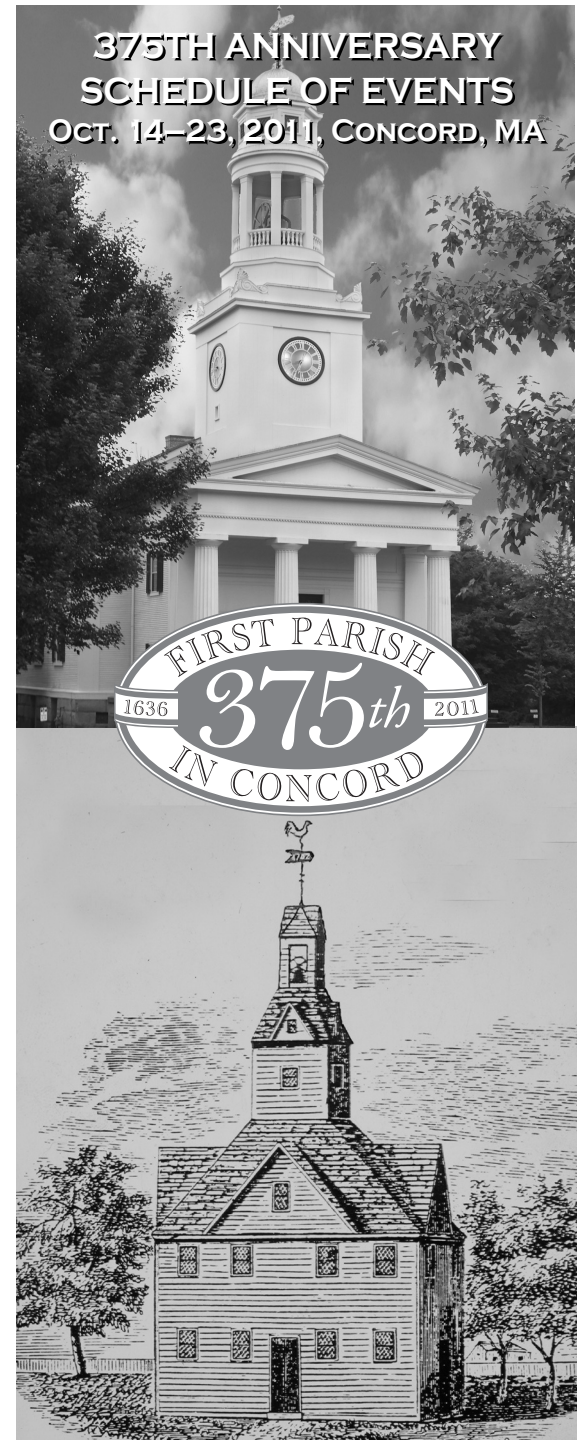
Sunday, October 23, 9:00 and 11:00 am, Services celebrating First Parish history and its meaning today

First Parish invites you to our gala 375th Anniversary events celebrating the rich heritage of our faith community. We wish to honor the stories of the people and cultural and political events that shape our past and First Parish's place in American history. We welcome all to attend!

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Reservations and ticket information at the 375th Anniversary website:

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PROGRAM

October 1–23: Exhibit of Historic First Parish Documents and Artifacts, Concord Free Public Library

October 14–23, Concord Museum: Exhibit of rarely-seen First Parish Artifacts from the Museum's collection.

This exhibit can be viewed during the Museum's regular hours (Museum admission required), or as part of a guided tour at a reduced price on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15. Details below.



Friday, October 14, 7:00 pm, Concord Free Public Library: Keynote Address, "The First Parish and Concord's 'Errand into the Wilderness'—and

Beyond" by Ronald Bosco, Distinguished Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, SUNY, Albany, New York, and author. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited, so please plan to arrive early.

A reception follows. Co-sponsored by the Concord Free Public Library.

Front panel photos: Top, the Fourth First Parish Meetinghouse, completed in 1901, photo by Pierre Chiha. Bottom, Illustration of the First Meeting-House in West Springfield, MA, as published in *Some Old Time Meeting Houses of the Connecticut Valley* by Charles Albert Wright, 1911, courtesy of Historic New England.

Saturday, October 15: 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Guided tours of The Old Manse, Emerson House and Concord Museum. Special themed tours, starting at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm, will take place at: **The Concord Museum**, where a guided tour of the Concord Museum to tell the wonderful story, illustrated with historic artifacts, of how First Parish and the town of Concord have been intimately involved since the town's founding; the **Ralph Waldo Emerson House**, where a tour will focus on the Emerson family and its connections to First Parish; and **The Old Manse**, where a tour will highlight Rev. Ezra Ripley, who served First Parish from 1778-1841. Tickets available from First Parish in Concord. Three tours for \$15.



Saturday, October 15, 7:30 pm, First Parish in Concord. Reenactor Kevin Radaker gives a dramatic portrayal of Henry David Thoreau delivering excerpts from his three major anti-slavery speeches:

"On Resistance to Civil Government," "Slavery in Massachusetts," and "A Plea for Captain John Brown." Discussion follows. Radaker is a Professor of English at Anderson University, Indiana. This event is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by The Thoreau Society, the Drinking Gourd Project, and the Transcendentalism Council of First Parish in Concord. Prof. Radaker's travel courtesy of Anderson University.



Thursday, October 20: Ezra Ripley and the Crossing of the Milldam

Candlelight Tours of The Old Manse starting at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm, with

a special focus on Ezra Ripley's 63-year ministry. Followed by a social hour at the Colonial Inn and "**Upholding the Faith: The Conflict that Divided Ezra Ripley's Church,**" a lecture by **Robert Gross**, James L. and Shirley A. Draper Professor of Early American History, University of Connecticut. Reservations required; tickets available from The Old Manse (978-369-3909) and from First Parish in Concord. \$15. *Co-sponsored by The Old Manse and the Trinitarian Congregational Church.*



Friday, October 21, 7:00 pm at First Parish in Concord, "No One Wore Prada: An Evening of Living History and Fashion."

Fashion tableaux of historical figures portraying the rich cultural heritage of First Parish through the ages. Tickets available from First Parish in Concord. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5.

A reception follows. Co-sponsored by the Women's Parish Association.

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