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The Christian-Jewish tradition and what threatens it in the  
modern world, 1936-1937.

# The First Presbyterian Church

The Circle - Buffalo, New York

Organized February 2, 1812

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December 12, 1937



**Ralph Blake Hindman**  
Minister

**Lawrence MacColl Horton**  
Assistant Minister

**William E. McLennan**  
Minister Emeritus of Social Service

Our heavenly Father . . . give us at this Christmas time some share in the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, the spirit of the little child, as it knocks at the hearts of men, enter our lives and bless them . . . At other times we ask that we may do our tasks with consecration and patience; today we ask for more: that obligation may be changed to opportunity, and duty done with joy. At other times we ask that we may walk uprightly: today we pray for grace to bow ourselves to others' needs. Let our hearts hear the cry of the needy and feel the love of the unlovely. Give our hands strength, not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Let our gifts today be not a sacrifice but a privilege. Let us accept kindness with humility. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy or regret, that scar our hearts; and let the gentler air of the Christmas spirit touch our lives; and the grace of Jesus Christ be in us all.

—Francis G. Peabody.

# Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

There will be no announcement of the hymns

Organ Prelude: Chorale Improvisations, opus 65

Karg-Elert

Rejoice greatly, O my soul  
From heaven above  
Our whole salvation doth depend

Choral Introit: O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

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The Call to Worship: Minister and People responsively

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation

The Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Joy to the World

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The Scripture Lesson: Isaiah lii

The Anthem: Message of the stars

Jennings

Hark, from the glittering ocean of night  
Where the voyaging stars go by,  
Breaketh again the unspeakable light;  
And the heavenly hosts reply,  
Come ye, O come ye with Bethlehem's song;  
Ten thousand trumpets the message prolong.  
From a manger, a cross and a rolled away stone  
Christ Jesus in triumph ascends to the throne.

Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory: O Thou, the Central Orb

Orlando Gibbons  
(1583-1625)

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing

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The Sermon: A Root from a Dry Ground

Text: For he shall grow up before him . . . as a root out of a dry ground. Isaiah lii:2

Prayer and Choral Response

Benediction and Choral Amen

The congregation will remain in silent prayer  
until the first notes of the organ.





# The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

AIM: Through the free discussion of vital themes by thoughtful men and women of experience, to promote understanding, tolerance, good will, unity of purpose, and courage to meet personal and community responsibilities, according to the spirit and purpose of Jesus.

**Organ Recital**—Beginning fifteen minutes before the service

Sixth Sonata

Mendelssohn

Chorale with variations

Fugue

Finale

**Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer** Congregation seated

**Choir:**

Anthem—List to the lark

Dickinson

Anthem—Great is Jehovah

Schubert

**The Offertory:** Chorale Prelude on "By the Waters of Babylon" Bach

**The Address:** The Christian-Jewish Tradition—What Threatens It In the Modern World?

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dr. Silver is Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, one of the largest Liberal Jewish congregations in America. He has devoted much time to organizations dealing with human welfare. His recent summers have been spent in Europe observing the political, economic and social movements shaping the world. He is everywhere recognized as a force for righteousness.

**Prayer and Benediction**

**Choral Response**

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## Christmas at First Church

The Annual Christmas-tide Service will be held next Sunday morning, December nineteenth, at eleven o'clock. Dr. Hindman will preach on the subject, "The Spirit of Christmas." The music will include a carol "Christmas Morning" by William D. Olmsted, a member of First Church, the anthem "Christmas Hymn" by Vaughan Williams and a solo from Handel's Messiah. Other carols to be sung are "Lo, How a Rose" by Praetorius, "The Holly and the Ivy," "Balulalow" by Peter Warlock and "A Joyful Christmas Song" by Gevaert.

At the Christmas Vesper Service there will be carols, colored stereopticon pictures from paintings by the old masters, and a pageant, "The Nativity." Mrs. F. Wilcox Danforth will appear as the Madonna, Miss Marion Taylor as The Spirit of Light, and Mr. Edward L. Brady, II, as Joseph. While retaining much of the story of "Bethlehem," presented for a number of years, "The Nativity" includes many new features.

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The Community Vesper Service will be omitted December twenty-sixth and January second.

January 9—"The Safety Valves of Democracy," Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University.

January 16—Dr. Carl L. Friedrich, Professor of Government, Harvard University.



## Announcements

### SUNDAY

- 9:45—Church School: The Intermediate-Senior department.
- 10:00—The Bible Class:  
Dr. McLennan, Leader.
- 11:00—Nursery, Beginners, Primary and Junior departments.
- 11:00—Morning Worship.
- 4:45—Organ Recital.
- 5:00—Community Vesper Service.
- 6:00—Tuxis Society at the Manse.
- 6:30—The Foursquares.

### MONDAY

- 4:00—Girl Scouts, Troop 5.
- 8:00—Women's Evening Club:  
Christmas Party.

### TUESDAY

- 10:30—Woman's Circle.
- 11-12—Conference Hour, Dr. Hindman.

### TUESDAY

- 2:00—Woman's Circle Executive Board.

### WEDNESDAY

- 11-12—Conference hour, Dr. Hindman.
- 8:00—First Settlement Music School Christmas recital in the parish house.

### THURSDAY

- 11-12—Conference hour, Dr. Hindman.
- 7:00—Pageant Rehearsal.

### FRIDAY

- 11-12—Conference hour, Dr. Hindman.
- 7:30—Boy Scouts, Troop 52.

### SATURDAY

- 11-12—Conference Hour, Dr. Hindman.
- 2:30—The Chromatic Club Christmas Program.

Young people of high school age meet this evening at the Manse, 15 Nottingham Terrace. Cars will leave the church at six-fifteen for those who desire transportation. Mr. Horton will be in charge.

A Communion Service and Reception of New Members will be held on Sunday, January second. Several people have signified their intention of uniting with First Church at that time. If you have been thinking of making this your church home, kindly speak to Dr. Hindman or Mr. Horton.

The Women's Evening Club is to have its Christmas party tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. The committee, of which Miss Mabel A. Tutton is chairman, has arranged for a program of carols to be presented by the Choral Guild of Buffalo. Mr. Horton is to read a story and the entire club will participate in Christmas festivities.

The Annual Christmas Carol Sing for members of the Service Guild and invited friends will be held in the reception room of the parish house next Sunday evening. Supper is to be served at six-thirty o'clock.

Each year the Guild keeps up the traditional interest of First Church in Welcome Hall by assuming the responsibility of a Christmas party for the children of the Hall. On Wednesday afternoon, December twenty-second, there will be a program at the Hall including a sketch by the Junior League Marionettes and refreshments for the many children awaiting this occasion. Miss Elizabeth Bissell, chairman of the committee in charge, is to be assisted by Mrs. Spencer M. Wolfe, president of the Guild.

The Woman's Circle through its Tuesday meetings extends the work of the church into local hospitals, to the Red Cross and into homes of the parish where it is necessary to supplement the household supplies and clothing for children and adults. A special request is made for a girl's coat, size fourteen, and two snow suits, sizes six and seven. The sewing begins at ten-thirty o'clock. Luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty.

At the Christmas meeting of the Circle, December twenty-first, children of the Primary and Junior departments of the Church School will take part in a program arranged by Mrs. William E. McLennan and Miss Marion H. Mitchell.

The Congregation of First Church is cordially invited to attend the annual Christmas program of the Chromatic Club to be held in our church on Saturday, December eighteenth, at two-thirty o'clock. The program, under the direction of Mr. Haskin, will include music by the First Church Choir, soloists, orchestral instruments, piano and organ. Three carols by William D. Olmsted, a member of this church, are to be sung.



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No. 1 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Mon., Oct. 12, 1936

Lecture, Subject—"The Christian - Jewish Tradition—and what Threatens it in the Modern World"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is the spiritual leader of one of the largest liberal Jewish congregations in America—The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio. He is renowned as "America's silver-tongued orator". He has been actively identified with the great social movements of our day. He was a member of President Hoover's Unemployment Relief Commission. He was among the first advocates of Unemployment Insurance in the United States and was one of the framers of the Unemployment Insurance Bill of Ohio. He is on the National Child Labor Commission, the commission on Militarism in Education, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Committee for Mobilization for Human Needs and the National World Court Committee.

Dr. Silver is the author of "Religion in a Changing World", "Messianic Speculations in Israel", "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" and other works of religious and sociological interest. He has been frequently abroad in Europe, Africa and Asia in the last twenty years.

No. 2 Walter Hampden

Sat., Oct. 31, 1936

Dramatic Presentations from "Hamlet" and from some others of his famous plays.

No American actor has contributed so much in recent years to keeping alive the classical tradition in the theatre nor succeeded with more appreciation and acclaim than Walter Hampden. His acting experience began in England as a member of the famous Shakespearian company of Sir Frank Benson, with whom for three years he played more than seventy Shakespearian roles, great and small, in the English provinces.

During the season just closed, he completed his 1000th performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac", the romantic Rostand play. Among his many other notable performances are: "Caponsacchi", "The Servant in the House", Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People", Bulwer Lytton's "Richelieu", Edwin Arnold's "The Light of Asia", Sir James Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton" and others.

The National Institute of Social Sciences awarded him its gold medal for distinguished public service in presentation of the classics. The American Academy of Arts and Letters awarded him its first gold medal for the purity of his diction and quality of his speech on the stage.



No. 3 Dr. Sherwood Eddy

Mon., Nov. 16, 1936

Lecture, Subject—"Three Dictators: Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin"

Dr. Sherwood Eddy is an author, lecturer and world traveler. He is author of twenty volumes on international economics, social and religious subjects. He is a Yale graduate. Fifteen years' work among students in India won him the Secretaryship for Asia of the Y. M. C. A.

He has toured Europe twelve times in addition to many visits to the Orient. During this last visit abroad, he made a new study of the European situation, racial, religious discrimination and persecution in Nazi Germany and of the outlook for war or peace on the continent of Europe. While visiting Russia with his group of writers and speakers to study the situation in government, industry and collective agriculture, his was the only party admitted to the Kremlin.

He was present at the capture of Mukden in Manchuria by the Japanese in 1931. He knows the leaders in various nations, including the Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Viceroy of India, Mahatma Gandhi, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China and others.



No. 4 Lord Bertrand Russell Thurs., Dec. 3, 1936

Lecture, Subject—"Concentration of Power and its Effects on the Individual"

Lord Bertrand Russell is a philosopher, author and lecturer. He was a lecturer at Cambridge University in England prior to the World War. Because of his pacifistic leanings he was dismissed from his college post at the outbreak of the war and was fined 100 pounds and imprisoned.

He is famed for his lucid literary style and his books have clarified for the layman many abstruse topics. Among his books are the "Analysis of Mind", "Analysis of Matter", "Principles of Mathematics", and "An Outline of Philosophy".

He began his philosophical career as early as 1896 when he published a study of German Social Democracy. His "Philosophy of Leibnitz" appeared in 1900. His first volume of popular essays appeared a year after the outbreak of the world war under the title, "Why Men Fight". This was followed by "Proposed Roads to Freedom" and "Mysticism and Logic."



No. 5 Issac F. Marcossos

Mon., Feb. 1, 1937

Lecture, Subject—"Adventures in Interviewing"

Issac F. Marcossos's achievements during the great war, together with his subsequent contacts, won him the title of the world's foremost interviewer. During the war he carried an autographed letter "To Whom It May Concern" from the late Lloyd George commending him to the Allied governments. He was with all six Allied Armies and knew every Allied Commander-in-Chief and Premier. In 1919 he crossed the Belgian Congo under the auspices of King Albert. Mr. Marcossos's lecture includes: intimate characterizations of Mussolini, whom he has interviewed many times, the Emperor of Japan, and all the other notable figures in the drama that may again change the international map.

To his understanding of human and political factors, Mr. Marcossos adds a keen comprehension of world economic forces. He paints a vivid picture of the world today, torn by conflicting nationalistic ambitions, in terms of the countries, issues and personalities behind them. Mr. Marcossos asks, "How will this bloodless battle of peace affect Europe's political stability and American export trade and industry?"

No. 6 Princess Alexandra Kropotkin

Mon., Mar. 8, 1937

Lecture, Subject—"To The Ladies"

Princess Alexandra Kropotkin is a direct descendent of Rurik, the first Tsar of Russia (967 A.D.) who was imported from Sweden to unify and organize the Russian state. She is the daughter of Prince Peter Kropotkin, famous scientist and author, who was exiled to England because of his political views and his opposition to the monarchy. The Princess was born in London during her father's exile and was educated in English, Belgian and French schools and at University College, London.

She returned to Russia in 1915 to reside and was present at the outbreak of the Revolution, which she reported for the Press. Her Kerensky sympathies and her Democratic ideals brought her under the suspicion of the Bolshevik government and she was arrested and imprisoned when she attempted to leave the country.

Then followed a career of journalism in Berlin and elsewhere about the Continent for the British and other newspapers. George Bernard Shaw urged and assisted her to come to the United States. She marketed her first magazine article to the Red Book Magazine. Her column "To The Ladies" in Liberty and "Caviar" in the New York Sunday Daily News now have a paid weekly circulation of more than 5,000,000. Her feature magazine articles are well known. An accomplished linguist, Princess Kropotkin is noted as observer and commentator on people and events.



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