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The ultimate security, 1950.

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First Presbyterian Church

The Circle - Buffalo, New York

Organized February 2, 1812

November 19, 1950



Ministers
Ralph Blake Hindman **Thomas Stafford Gee**
Organist and Choirmaster
Squire Haskin

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Organ Prelude: Adagio, from Symphony VI

Widor

Choral Introit: The Lord is in His holy temple

ANGLICAN CHANT

The Call to Worship and The Invocation

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Hymn: Now thank we all our God

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Responsive Reading: Selection 28

The Gloria Patri

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The Scripture Lesson: II Corinthians ii:14-iii:6

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Anthem: If any man hath not the Spirit

H. Walford Davies

If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Brethren, if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The Spirit itself heareth witness that we are the children of God.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is.

Lord keep us in this faith for evermore. Amen.

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory: Peace be unto Israel!

from Cantata No. 34

Bach

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: O God, beneath Thy guiding hand

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The Sermon: The Ultimate Security

Text: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.—II Corinthians iii:5.

Prayer and Choral Response

Benediction and Choral Amen

* People may be seated at these points in the service.

The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

Organ: Choral in E major

César Franck

Opening Sentences

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Tenor Solo: O God of Light

Leo Sowerby

(sung by John Priebe)

The Offertory: Cantabile, from Symphony VI

Widor

Hymn: God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

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The Address: On Raising Our Sights — A Creed for a Bewildered Age

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Prayer and Benediction



Today—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Dr. Silver has for more than three decades been the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, the largest Jewish congregation in the United States. He is known throughout the country as a progressive thinker and a keen analyst, and interpreter of social, economic and political movements influencing our world today.

November 26—"Beyond the Line of Duty", Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, author and lecturer, New York City. Dr. Applegarth was the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Church Women, held in First Church last fall. After hearing her we resolved to bring her back as one of the Vesper Service speakers. She deserves a place in the line of distinguished women who have preceded her in this service. Dr. Applegarth is regarded by thousands as the foremost woman leader in American Christianity. She is a special lecturer for the Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches of the World Council of Churches. This past year she spent ten months traveling around the rim of the United States, in the northwest, far west, deep south and along the entire Atlantic Coast speaking in colleges, churches, clubs and conferences. An experienced and creative writer, Dr. Applegarth's latest book, "Right Here, Right Now", is in the fall list of Harper and Brothers. She is a contributor to several magazines and edits *Discovery*, a monthly magazine in Braille for the blind.

December 3—Christianity in Crisis, Dr. Charles T. Leber, New York City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

- 10:00—The Adult Bible Class
- 10:15—Senior High Class
- 10:45—Church School: Primary through Junior High
- 11:00—Nursery, Kindergarten
- 11:00—Morning Worship
- 5:00—Community Vesper Service
- 6:00—Youth Fellowship
- 6:30—The Foursquares

TUESDAY

- 10:30—Women's Association: Sewing, Box luncheon

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- 1:15—Bible Study Group
- 2:30—Women's Association program and tea

THURSDAY

- 11:00—Thanksgiving Day Service

FRIDAY

- 8:00—Choir rehearsal

SATURDAY

- 10-12—The Chapel Choir

The Ministers' conference hour is each week-day from 11-12 a.m., except Monday.

The dedication service for the Chapel Choir, Mrs. Sidney P. Dunn, Director, will be held at the hour of morning worship next Sunday morning.

The Youth Fellowship has started a new series of meetings entitled "Adventures in Understanding." The present theme is "Understanding my Faith." Supper snack begins tonight at 6:00 P. M., followed by the Worship Service led by Scott Behrens. Discussion will follow the showing of the film "Amsterdam 1948"—the dramatic story of the great Assembly of all Protestant Churches held at Amsterdam, Holland. All young people of high school age are invited.

Thanksgiving Day morning the congregation will assemble for worship and thanksgiving in the sanctuary at 11:00 o'clock. Dr. Hindman will preach on the theme, "The Puritan Contribution to Freedom." The choir under the direction of Mr. Haskin will sing, I will give thanks unto the Lord, by Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, probably America's outstanding woman composer; I sat down under His shadow, by Edward Bairstow, until his death a short time ago, the distinguished organist of York Minster; also to be sung is Rachmaninoff's Triumph, Thanksgiving!

Loyalty Sunday was a splendid beginning for our campaign to pledge our support to the work of First Church for the year 1951. We received \$50,581.30 toward our goal of \$69,419.88 to be raised by pledges. This afternoon men of our parish are going to call upon all who have not had opportunity to make their subscriptions. These men go as personal representatives of the church to make a friendly call and explain the need of every-member-participation in the work of First Church. To meet the amount required in pledges it will be necessary for those who have not sent in their subscriptions to make a ten percent increase if possible. The response thus far from our members is an indication of their confidence in the leadership and the program of the church.

The Women's Association officers cordially invite all women of the congregation and their friends to attend the program meeting of the association Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Hindman will review "White Witch Doctor," a novel by Louise Stinetorf. Miss Ernestine Haile is to lead the devotional period which opens the meeting. Mrs. J. W. Fenger and Mrs. Edith E. Manning are co-chairmen for the tea following the program. Children will be cared for from 2:30-4:30.

The sewing groups will meet at 10:30 Tuesday morning. There will be a box luncheon.

The Bible Study, led by Mrs. Edward P. Lupfer, takes place Tuesday at 1:15 o'clock.

The Christmas Sale of the Women's Association will be held Friday, December first, from 2:30 to 9:00 P. M. The Family Night Baked Bean Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock.