

SPEERS, THEODORE CUYLER, 1899-.

Theodore Cuyler Speers sermons, 1937-1959

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Speers, Theodore Cuyler, 1899-.
Title: Theodore Cuyler Speers sermons, 1937-1959
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 172
Extent: 1 cubic ft. (3 boxes)
Abstract: Contains 298 sermons written mostly by Speers from 1939-1959.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Theodore Cuyler Speers was a Presbyterian minister at Central Presbyterian Church in New York City. He served in World War I, and attended Princeton University and the Union Theological Seminary. He was ordained in June 1925. He was married to Margaret Stoddart. Speers also wrote *The Power of the Commonplace* and *The Church and Healing*. He died in 1964.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a total of 298 sermons and 1 loose page. All but three of the sermons are by Speers. The sermons span 1939 to 1959. The bulk of the sermons are from 1947-1959 but there are no sermons for the year 1954. Seven are undated and most are final drafts, while some are edited drafts of excerpts of sermons.

Sermon topics include Easter, Advent and Christmas, Palm Sunday, Armistice Day, Speers' reflections on serving in World War I, VE Day and the meaning of victory, World War II, patriotism, hope, ecumenism, salvation, women and religion, forgiveness, history, and Abraham Lincoln. Of note are several series of sermons delivered for Lent and Easter or Advent including "The Meaning of Protestantism" (Lent, 1947), "The Gospel According to Christ's Enemies" (Lent, 1948), "Jesus Came to Be" (Advent, 1948), "Translating an Old Faith for a New Age" (Lent, 1949), "Perennial Problems of Faith" (Lent, 1950), and "The Advent Imperishables" (1950).

Two of Speers' 295 sermons were preached at other churches. An untitled sermon was preached at the Union Thanksgiving Day Service at Christ Church (Methodist) on November 25, 1948, and "America Day" was preached at The Dominion-Douglas Church, Westmount, Montreal, Canada, on October 16, 1949.

The remaining three sermons were written or preached by Donald B. Reitz, assistant pastor of Central Presbyterian, and Henry Sloane Coffin of Union Theological Seminary.

Container List

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1	1	Sermons, 1937-1946
1	2	Sermons, 1947
1	3	Sermons, 1948 January-May
1	4	Sermons, 1948 September-December
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1	6	Sermons, 1949 September-December
2	1	Sermons, 1950 January-June
2	2	Sermons, 1950 September-December
2	3	Sermons, 1951
2	4	Sermons, 1952
2	5	Sermons, 1953
2	6	Sermons, 1955
3	1	Sermons, 1956
3	2	Sermons, 1957
3	3	Sermons, 1958
3	4	Sermons, 1959
3	5	Material by others, undated
