



# Lenten Lunches

## at Church of the Holy Comforter

– 2023 –

This past year saw the passing of one of the world's greatest monarchs, Queen Elizabeth II. Nearly seventy years ago at her coronation, she was presented a Bible with these words, "We present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords." For nearly two thousand years the Bible has been banned, burned, scorned, and dissected. Yet, it has withstood the test of time and continues to be treasured by many as the Living Word of the Living God. As Jesus himself observed, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

However, in today's America, for the first time ever, a generation is rising that has little or no familiarity with the scriptures. This would seem to call for a renewed celebration of this sacred treasure. In this Lenten series, we will explore how scripture presents *itself*, not in the fustian terms of dry academia, but in the life-giving themes of personal encounter and transformation. This Lent, come and see why the Bible is, indeed, the most precious thing the world affords.

**Tuesdays in Lent**  
**12:00pm – 1:00pm**  
**in the Parish Hall**

### **Week 1** February 28 *The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6)* The Rev. Justin Hare

The Rev. Justin Hare is from Charleston, SC and is the Assistant for Young Adults and College Ministry at St. Philip's Church in Charleston. He is passionate about seeing those outside of the Church encounter Jesus Christ and the power of His gospel, as well as equipping those within the Church to live for Christ in every aspect of their lives. He is married to Molly and they have three children: Graceanna, Law, and Eleanor. Justin loves spending time with family, exploring the outdoors, reading, and being on the golf course.



### **Week 2** March 7 *The Imperishable Seed (1 Pet. 1)* The Rev. Joe Lawrence

The Rev. Joe Lawrence is currently serving as the Interim Headmaster of Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort, SC. He graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2008 and Trinity School for Ministry in 2014. He is married to Joette, and they have three children, Samantha, Sophia, and Andrew. Joe is an enthusiast of woodworking, disc golf and the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien.



### **Week 3** March 14 *The Living Bread (Mat. 4)* Chap. Maj. Gen. Charlie Baldwin

Chap. Maj. Gen. Charlie Baldwin graduated from the US Air Force Academy in 1969 and flew two combat tours in Vietnam. In 1977, he graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and became an Air Force chaplain. From 2004-2008 he served as the Chief of Chaplains for the US Air Force, providing moral and spiritual counsel to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, leadership to the Chaplain Corps and pastoral care to the Air Force members and families. He made eight trips to Iraq and Afghanistan to visit the troops. In recent years, he served churches in Charleston until his retirement in 2022. Charlie has been married to Anne for 53 years, and they have three children and ten grandchildren.



### **Week 4** March 21 *The Shining Lamp (Psa. 119)* The Rev. Bill Hyer

The Rev. Bill Hyer serves on the staff of St. Michael's in Charleston, SC as Scholar in Residence and Associate for Discipleship. He has served in ministry in different denominations in Florida, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Mississippi, starting two of these churches. He has also served for years on the leadership team of *The College of Prayer, International*. He and his wife, Michelle, have two sons and six grandchildren. Bill is also the author of *Ears to Hear*, a study of the seven churches in the book of Revelation and the kind of church Jesus wants.



### **Week 5** March 28 *The Fire and Hammer (Jer. 23)* The Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon

The Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon serves as the Canon Theologian of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and serves at Holy Cross Sullivan's Island in a part-time capacity. His ministry emphasizes preaching, teaching, and writing and he runs a widely followed blog, *Titusomenine*, which features numerous posts on theology, religion and culture, economics, Anglicanism, and science and technology, among other topics. Kendall is married to Elizabeth, and they have three children: Abigail, Nathaniel, and Selimah, and three dogs and two cats.

