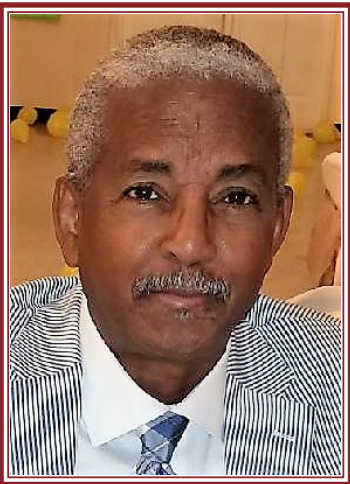


First Wednesday Men's Lunch

JUNE 6 AT NOON

**Speaker: The Rev.
Anthony Batiste Thompson**

**St. Philip's Church Parish House
corner of Church & Cumberland**



The Rev. Anthony Batiste Thompson, a native of Charleston, SC, graduated from Bishop England High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from Benedict College. He served six years of military duty in the U.S. Navy and received a Master of Divinity from Cummins Theological Seminary of Summerville, SC. Fr. Thompson is a published poet whose works can be found in the Library of Congress. He was also published by the Journal of Preachers Volume XLI Number 2 for Lent of 2018.

Fr. Thompson's entire adulthood has been dedicated to providing shepherding care and assistance to his fellowman. After twenty-seven years of service, he retired from the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services as an adult probation-parole agent. He was also employed with Carolina Youth Development Center of North Charleston, SC, as a relief counselor; the South Carolina Department of Mental Health as a wraps provider; Mentor of Charleston as a direct service employee; The Charleston County Substance Abuse Commission as a court liaison; and John G. Richards Institution for Boys as a youth counselor. Fr. Thompson has also voluntarily mentored young people in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties for forty years, and he's still pressing on.

Fr. Thompson was ordained into the Holy Order of Deacons of the Reformed Episcopal Church on September 29, 1997, and he was ordained into the Holy Order of Presbyters of the Reformed Episcopal Church on July 26, 1998. He was the Pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church of Summerville, SC, from September 1995 until September 2010 and is presently Vicar of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church of Charleston, SC. Fr. Thompson is a member of the National Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church; a member of Examining Chaplains of the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of the Southeast; chairman of the Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of the Southeast; a member of The Community Advisory Board of Mother Emanuel AME Church Empowerment Center; a member of the Clergy Advisory Council under Mayor John Tecklenburg of Charleston, SC; and a member of the Board of Visitors of Charleston Southern University.

Since the Emanuel Nine massacre in June of 2015, Fr. Thompson's mission is to spread the Gospel of forgiveness, and he has spoken at many churches, organizations, and radio broadcasting stations abroad and across the United States. He is an advocate for gun control, and he was featured in the 2016 PBS documentary "Armed in America: Faith and Guns," and on an episode of the 2017 Showtime docuseries "Active Shooter: America Under Fire."

Fr. Thompson and his loving and beautiful wife, the late Myra Singleton of Charleston, have three wonderful children and five beautiful grandchildren. He strongly believes that "Without God, we can do nothing, but with God, all things are possible." His favorite Bible verse is taken from St. Matthew 25:40: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



Buffet lunch served

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