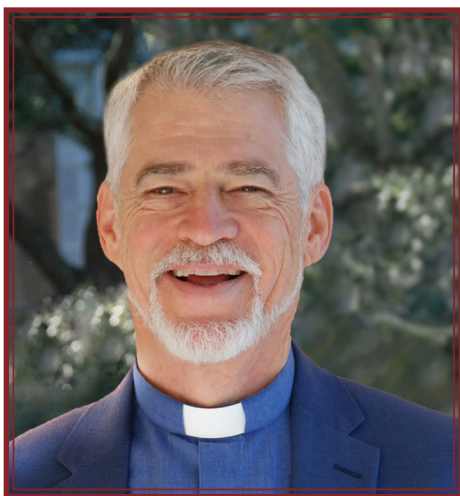


# ~~Second~~ First Wednesday Men's Lunch SEPTEMBER 11 AT NOON

**Speaker: The Rev. Hank Avent**

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



Hank Avent grew up in Bennettsville, SC., where he enjoyed everything outdoors, especially hunting, sports, and Scouts; he received Eagle rank in 1967. Growing up flying with his father, a World War II pilot, Hank also developed a love of aviation, but his early flying lessons were interrupted by college studies in architecture at Clemson University, from which he graduated in 1973. After college, Hank enjoyed a 20-year professional design career in Columbia, SC, where he joined a young adult church group and was introduced to the two most important people in his life: Jesus and Gloria Van De Water, who became Glo Avent in 1976.

At the 20-year point in his career, Hank discerned a call to ordained ministry and entered Trinity School for Ministry near Pittsburgh in 1993. After receiving his Master of Divinity, Hank was ordained in the Diocese of South Carolina and became pastor of a parish in Barnwell, SC, where he served for eight years. Having never lost his passion for flying, Hank resumed flight training and received his private pilot's license while in Barnwell. He then accepted a call as an assistant at St. Philip's in Charleston, where his ministry focus was men in small-group Bible studies as it had been in Barnwell. He also continued additional flight training, becoming certified in tail-wheel as well as complex and high-performance aircraft, both piston and light turboprop.

Since retiring from full-time ministry in 2017, Hank has enjoyed traveling (everything from regular walks with Glo enjoying Charleston's beauty to travels abroad enjoying history and architecture) and spending time with Glo and their three children and two beautiful grandchildren. He is of course still flying, and he continues leading small-group Bible studies with other men who want to know God in a deeper way.



**Buffet lunch served**

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