

# The Theology of Harry Potter

Join us for a Lenten adventure. On our first night, your Muggle experience of past Lents will end and you will be sorted into one of the four Houses. (Suggestion: don't give up chocolate frogs for Lent). Come and let your imagination be fed this Lent so that it might feed your faith for the rest of the year. All ages are welcome.

No prior knowledge of Christianity or of the Harry Potter stories is necessary to be a Seeker!

**6:30 p.m. worship, 7:00 p.m. simple supper, and 7:30-8:30 p.m. program**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Host</i>
Wednesday, Feb. 17	★ <b>Why you should care about Harry Potter?</b>	<b>St. Paul's</b> 228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria 22314 <a href="http://www.stpaulsalexandria.com/">www.stpaulsalexandria.com/</a>
Wednesday, Feb. 24	★ <b>Choosing between good and evil</b>	<b>Meade/Resurrection</b> 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria 22314 <a href="http://www.meadechurch.org/">www.meadechurch.org/</a>
Wednesday, Mar. 2	★ <b>Judging other people</b>	<b>Christ Church</b> 118 N Washington St., Alexandria 22314 <a href="http://www.historicchristchurch.org/">www.historicchristchurch.org/</a>
Wednesday, Mar. 9	★ <b>Storing up treasure</b>	<b>Fairlington UMC</b> 3900 King St., Alexandria 22302 <a href="http://www.fairlingtonumc.org/">www.fairlingtonumc.org/</a>
Wednesday, Mar. 16	★ <b>Casting a spell of forgiveness</b>	<b>Church of St. Clement</b> 1701 N. Quaker Ln., Alexandria 22302 <a href="http://www.saintclement.org">www.saintclement.org</a>

J.K. Rowlings' *Harry Potter* series embeds deeply Christian themes. As Christians, we need to be able to make these connections precisely because a vast majority of millennials have embraced its precepts but don't know them to be Christian.

**The Rev. Patricia Lyons** will lead our 2016 Alexandria Ecumenical Lenten Series. She is an honors graduate from Harvard College in the Comparative Study of Religion. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Harvard Divinity School, with a focus on Biblical languages and systematic theology. She received her doctorate from the Virginia Theological Seminary. Her doctoral thesis was a study of the stages of moral and spiritual development of adolescents. Patricia is the author of *The Soul of Adolescence*, a book focused on the spiritual life of teenagers. In November 2015, she was ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Dr. Lyons is currently the Assistant Rector at Christ Church, Capitol Hill and has taught theology at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, as well as teaching summer and evening courses in systematic theology at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Lyons has taught at seminaries and in parishes on C. S. Lewis, Sigmund Freud, and faith development in families. In addition, she has delivered more than 100 classes, lectures and workshops across the country on the theological themes in Harry Potter. She is currently working on her latest book, *Harry Potter for the Pulpit*, on using Rowling's epic for teaching and preaching the Christian faith.

