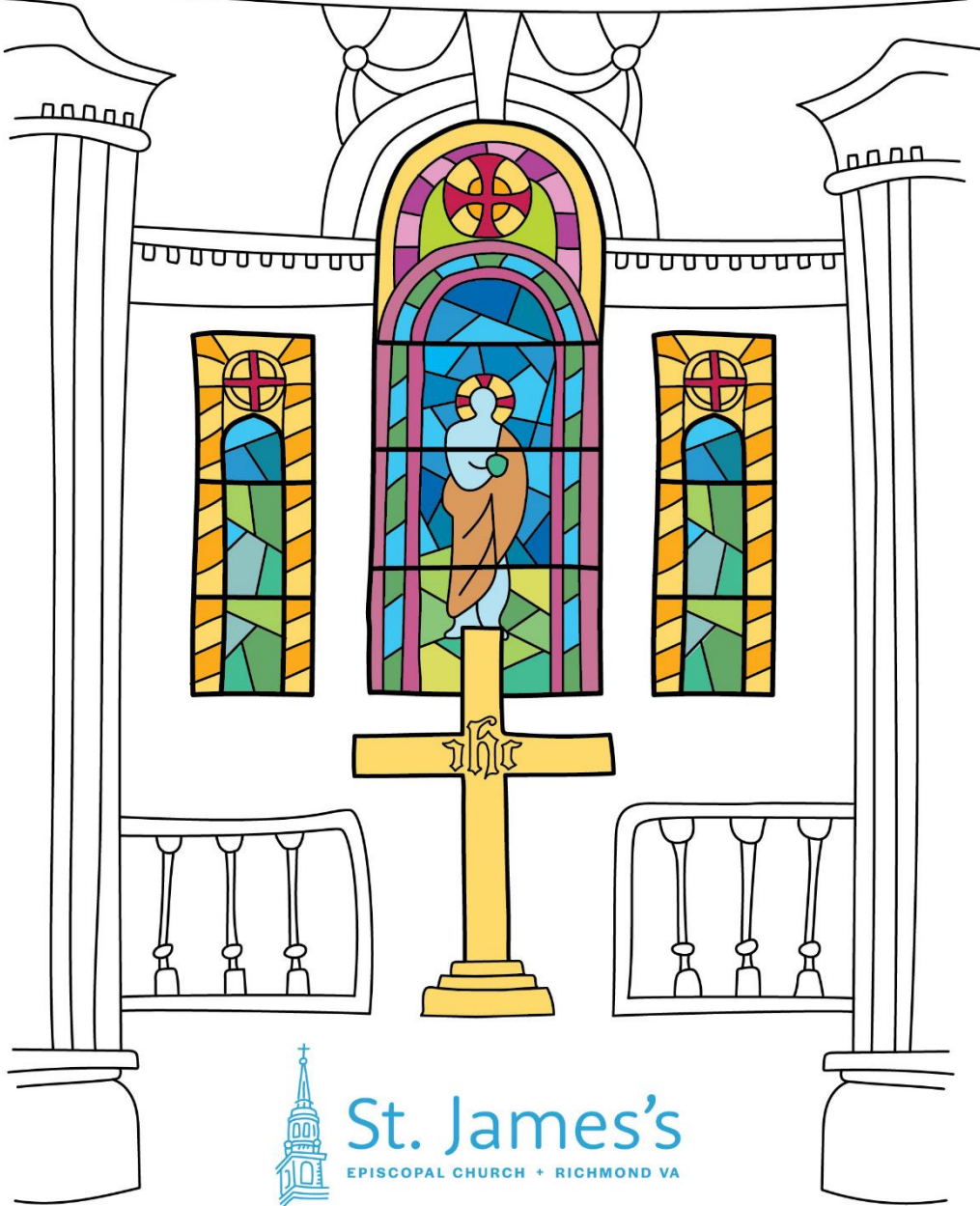


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St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH + RICHMOND VA

April 28, 2024 11:15 am

WELCOME. We're so glad you're here.

If you're visiting St. James's today, let us begin by saying WELCOME. We're delighted you've decided to join us.

St. James's is a community drawn together by our love of God and our desire to serve Christ in the world. We pray together, work together, learn, laugh, and sing together. We are eager for you to join in our worship and fellowship today.

Here are a few things that we hope will make your visit easier:

- We have nursery services available for children ages four and under on Sundays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. The nursery is through the brown double doors at the right front of the church.
- During the sermon at the 9 am service, we offer a Children's Chapel, where children sing, play and learn.
- During our regular programming year (September through May), there's an active adult learning and children & youth formation (aka, Sunday School) program that goes on between the services.
- You can also attend our live-streamed services at 9 and 11:15 am (or any time after) on doers.org/live. You can view a recorded version on our YouTube page.
- Many people here like to dress up for church, but we encourage you to wear what's comfortable for you. Some of us wear suits and dresses, others are more casual.
- There are restrooms downstairs from the narthex (the entrance to the church). The stairs are on the west side of the church.
- Sit where you like. There are no assigned seats.
- As for communion, if you receive communion in your home church, you're welcome to receive it at St. James's too. With some exceptions, we also offer Special Prayers and Blessings during communion. Just go to the Chapel to the left of the communion rail.
- Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. It will help us get to know you better.
- You can learn more about our church at doers.org.

We have regular Newcomer Events throughout the year. Watch this space for the next one. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our clergy plus others who are new to St. James's.

St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Easter

April 28, 2024

11:15 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on *Bevan*

Healey Willan

The people stand as able.

Hymn 391: *Winchester New*, "Before the Lord's eternal throne"

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 39

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people stand as able.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.

Officiant and People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite S4

chant: Edwin G. Monk



O come, let us /sing unto the /Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the /strength of/our sal-/ vation.
Let us come before his/presence with thanks-/ giving,
and show ourselves /glad in / him with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / great / God,
and a great / King a-/ bove all / gods.
In his hand are all the / corners of the / earth,
and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.
The sea is / his and he / made it,
and his hands pre-/ pared the /dry / land.
O come, let us worship and /fall / down
and/kneel before the / Lord our / Maker.
For he is the / Lord our / God,
and we are the people of his / pasture
and the /sheep of his / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness;
let the /whole earth / stand in / awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge the / earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the / peoples / with his /truth.

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.

Officiant and People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

The people sit for the singing of the Psalm by the Choir.

Psalm 22: 24-30

C.V. Stanford

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
O praise the Lord ye that fear him;
magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob,
and fear him all ye seed of Israel.
For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor;
he hath not hid his face from him,
but when he called unto him he heard him.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation;
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;
your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves
and be turned unto the Lord;
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's;
and he is the Governor among the people.
All such as be fat upon earth;
have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him;
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
My seed shall serve him;
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness;
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live

through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Te Deum.

Canticle S205: Te Deum

Plainsong

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
 the Father of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honorable, true, and only Son;
 also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints,
In glory everlasting.

All may be seated for the reading of the lesson.

Second Lesson: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated for the singing of the Canticle by the Choir.

Jubilate Deo

C. V. Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving;
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Sermon: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

The people stand as able.

Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

BCP 98

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day

BCP 173

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

Officiant and people

Rob, Tom, Jeff, Bunky, Jeanette, Allie and Bill, Courtenay, Sandra, the Saint Joseph's Family in Haiti, Donna, Patrick, Will, Langdon, Moonhee, Jim, Ruth, Beryl, Nina, Mary, and Rebecca

The Officiant continues.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back section of the bulletin.

This Sunday's loose plate offering will benefit the clergy's discretionary fund.

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre
et des cieux;
De la paisible nuit
nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur,
jette sur nous les yeux!

Word, equal to the Most High,
our sole hope,
Eternal day of the earth
and the Heavens;
In this peaceful night,
we break the silence,
Divine Saviour,
cast your eyes upon us!

Répands sur nous
le feu de ta grâce puissante,
Que tout l'enfer fuie
au son de ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil
d'une âme languissante,
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

Pour on us
the fire of your powerful grace,
so that all hell flees
at the sound of your voice;
dispel the sleep
of a languishing soul,
who lives forgetful of your laws!

O Christ, sois favorable
à ce peuple fidèle
pour te bénir
maintenant rassemblé.
Reçois les chants
qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
et de tes dons
qu'il retourne comblé!

Oh Christ, look kindly
on your faithful people
who, to glorify you,
have now assembled.
Receive the songs
they we offer to your immortal glory,
and let us depart
crowned with your gifts!

The people stand as able.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, "Our fathers' God, to thee"

General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

The people kneel as able.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised
through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now,
O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for
us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world
to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn 477: *Engelberg*, “All praise to thee”

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Sentences

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

Postlude: Setting of *Gelobt sei Gott*

HealeyWillan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Captain David M. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN, Retired*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

Officiant: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lector: Janet Peyton

Acolyte Team 6: Tyndall Hopper, Jack Porter, William Porter, Robbie

Redmond, Charlie Witthoefft; *Crucifer & Team Leaders:* Andrew

Ascoli, Sarah Hopper; *Adult Leaders:* Jennifer Ascoli, Cynthia Hopper;

Acolyte Masters: Anne Marie Elles, Sarah Hubard

Greeter: Kathy Barton

Altar Guild Group 1: Mary Craig Bryant, Corinne Davis, Julia Scott,

Lynn Young; *Leader:* Staige Grymes, *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade,

Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

Usher Team 8/9: Frances Caldwell, DeWitt Casler, Barbara Hassett, George

Jones, Wally Jones, Jimmy Milley, Bill Nash, Bobbie Ukrop; *Team Leader:*

Chad Clinger; *Chief Usher:* Brink Brinkley

Musicians: Parish Choir

Assistant Organist: Charles Lindsey

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the congregations and clergy of Emmanuel (Beckford Parish) in Woodstock, Grace & Holy Trinity in Richmond, Immanuel on the Hill in Alexandria, and St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish) in Mt. Jackson

For the newly born: especially Mary Spady Van Selow, daughter of Lexie and Tyler Van Selow, and Mason William Hulbert, son of Elizabeth and Ben Hulbert and grandson of Ann Rumble and Richard and Mary Lou Rumble, who were born recently

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Gabby Strickler, Thomas Strickler, Darnley Adamson, Katie Guerin, Thomas Disharoon, Grace Jennings, and Connie Spilman

Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Jane Dowrick (dowhitz52@gmail.com).

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, Jeff Herget

Stephen Ministers: Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

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Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Cantique de Jean Racine is by the French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). Educated as an organist, Fauré’s teachers included Niedermeyer and Saint-Saëns, and he served several churches including La Madeleine in Paris, where he was assistant organist (to Saint-Saëns), and later chief organist. The text is by the poet and dramatist Jean-Baptiste Racine (1639- 1699), from a collection entitled “Hymns Translated from the Roman Breviary”. While “Cantique” could be translated “Song”, the English “Canticle” accurately evokes the prayer of supplication that is the essence of the work. St. James’s Choir sang *Cantique de Jean Racine* at La Madeleine in 2010.

Remember and Give Thanks for our Veterans – May 26

This year’s Memorial Concert, featuring *Solemn Vespers* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will take place on Sunday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m.



Flags will be presented as we sing “America the Beautiful.” We will also sing “Eternal Father, strong to save” and “God of our Fathers” accompanied by strings, trumpet, organ and timpani. At this concert we honor and thank our members for their past and present service in the United States military, and remember all our faithful departed who have served in the United States military.

Music Calendar

May 5

Sunday, 11:15 am

Youth Choir Recognition

Festival Te Deum (Britten)

May 12

Sunday, 9:00 am

Cherub and Children’s Choir Recognition

Jonah-man Jazz (Hurd)

May 26

Sunday, 7:00 pm

Memorial Concert; Choir and Orchestra

Solemn Vespers, K. 339 (Mozart)

Virginia and I will be on sabbatical this summer, resting, re-charging and getting ready as we begin our 30th year at St. James’s.

Upcoming Events

Get your tix and sign up! Sunday, May 19th, 4-7pm at Rock Bottom



We'll have Lee's Fried Chicken and Biscuits, and we're asking you to help make the picnic complete by bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Beer and wine will be available, as well as water, tea, and lemonade. Use the QR code to get tickets and sign up to volunteer and/or bring food.



WomanKind

Join the WomanKind community next Friday, May 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Valentine Hall to celebrate the last 20 years of WomanKind and to announce the 2026 Conference dates, theme, and speaker. Use the orange QR code below to purchase tickets.



You can also get your tickets at Wednesday night dinners and Sunday mornings in Valentine Hall. If you can't join us, please consider a donation to support WomanKind.

We also need volunteer help with the WomanKind Celebration. You can cook, make desserts, set-up, serve at the bar, decorate and much more. Use the black QR code below to sign up to volunteer.



Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate WomanKind! And anyone is welcome to volunteer.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Please sign up by May 1.



VBS is a little over a month away – June 3 thru 6, from 9 am to noon each. Our hope is for everyone to sign up by next Wednesday, May 1. All the sign up links are in the echimes. Contact Ashlee Ligon at childrensministry@doers.org with any questions.

The Church as Movement. Everyone is invited on May 10 & 11.

The Church as Movement: Shifting Our Paradigms about What it Means to be the Church

Dates: Friday (5/10) 7-9pm; Saturday (5/11) 9am-4:30pm
(breakfast and lunch included for those who register by May 1)

Pre-Conference Conversation with the speaker,
JR Woodward, from 1-4pm on Friday

Cost: Free with registration

Where: St. James's Episcopal Church (1205 W Franklin St. Richmond, VA 23220)



Sponsored by the Episcopal Dioceses of Virginia and Southern Virginia

Register with the link:
www.churchasmovementconference.com



The Dioceses of Virginia and Southern Virginia have come together to co-sponsor a free two-day conference for anyone interested in church planting, church revitalization, or shifting the paradigms of existing churches from one of attraction to one centered on mission and discipleship. Author, speaker, and National Director of the V3 Church Planting Movement, JR Woodward, will invite us to consider why our current paradigms of Church need to change and offer guidance on ways to bring about such change.

This conference will provide space to pray, dream, and discern how God may be calling you to think of and be the Church differently within your own Episcopal context. Individuals (both lay and ordained) and church groups are invited to attend.

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