



The Diocese of South Carolina

The 233rd Annual Diocesan Convention

St. James Episcopal Church, Charleston (The Peninsula Deanery)

Thursday, November 2, 2023

- 2:00 pm** Registration begins and continues until 3:45 pm
- 3:00 pm** Meet the Nominees Session
- 3:00 pm** Commission on Ministry meets in the Choir Room
- 4:00 pm** Call to Order: First Business Session
- 5:00pm** Opening Eucharist at St. James (sanctuary)
Reception to follow in the St. James Center

Friday, November 3, 2023

- 8:00 am** Registration resumes until 8:45 am
- 9:00 am** Morning Prayer
- 9:15 am** Call to Order: Second Business Session
- 10:30 am** Plenary Session, Ms. Sophronia Scott
- 11:55 am** Noonday Prayers and Grace
- 12:00 pm** Working Lunch
- COM meets in Choir Room
 - “Normal Grief: The The Things We Do To Get Through A Difficult Loss,” presented by the Rev. Jeff Wallace, Certified Grief Counselor in the Convention Room

- 1:15 pm** Workshops
- Bishop Gadsden Tour
 - St. Christopher Outdoor Encounter
 - Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts
 - Michael Battle on Restorative Justice
 - Sophronia Scott on Thomas Merton
- 2:15 pm** Break
- 2:30 pm** Call to Order: Third Business Session
A break will follow the Report from Sewanee: The University of the South
- 4:00 pm** Afternoon Devotions, Third Business Session continues
- 5:15 pm** Food Truck Social with Live Music

Saturday, November 4, 2023

- 8:30 am** Registration resumes until 8:45 am
- 9:00 am** Youth-led Morning Prayer
- 9:15 am** Call to Order: Fourth Business Session
- Short Break*
- 10:05 am** Panel Discussion: “Generation to Generation”
Bishop Woodliff-Stanley in conversation with Michael Battle and Sophronia Scott
- 11:05 am** Business Session Resumes
- by 12:00 pm** Benediction & Adjournment

The Commission on Ministry will hold a Meet-and-Greet session for those interested in discernment processes and other aspects of their work immediately following Convention in the Choir Room.

General Information

St. James Episcopal Church, Charleston, is located at 1872 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412. It is on James Island, and situated directly across from Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community. There are three primary buildings on campus. The sanctuary is in the center, the parish hall/administration building are to the right of the sanctuary, and the St. James Center is the large building to the left of the sanctuary.

The majority of Convention events will be in St. James Center (to the left of the sanctuary). The primary meeting space will be in the back of St. James Center, but along the front hall (toward the sanctuary), there is a choir room, chapel, and an additional meeting room.

There are a number of restrooms located in St. James Center. They are to the left as you enter at the main doors. There are also restrooms located in the other buildings as well.

Parking

There are plenty of places to park around the campus of St. James, Charleston. There is a small grass/gravel lot in front of the administration building (to the right of the sanctuary). This is accessed from a driveway BEFORE you get to the sanctuary (if coming on Camp Road from Folly Road).

If you enter the second driveway (closer to St. James Center, to the left of the sanctuary), there is another large lot in front of St. James Center, and more spaces behind St. James Center. There are marked handicapped spaces along the front of all lots (in front of the administration building, as well as in front and to the rear of the St. James Center). Please note that on Friday, the handicapped spaces to the rear of St. James Center will be reserved for the food trucks for the Friday evening event. There are more places to park back toward the outdoor chapel by the marsh.

Wi-fi

We have boosted the internet capability at St. James Center for this Convention, but it is wise to download any documents (or print them out) prior to arriving at St. James.

Local Restaurants

There are many places to eat on James Island. The convention committee has compiled a list of suggestions around the area should you want to take advantage of the opportunity when we are not eating together. In addition, there are the normal fast-food options (Wendy's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Sonic, Zaxby's, Chick-fil-A) located in close proximity to the church as well. Find the list of suggestions on the Convention webpage, or [at this link](#).