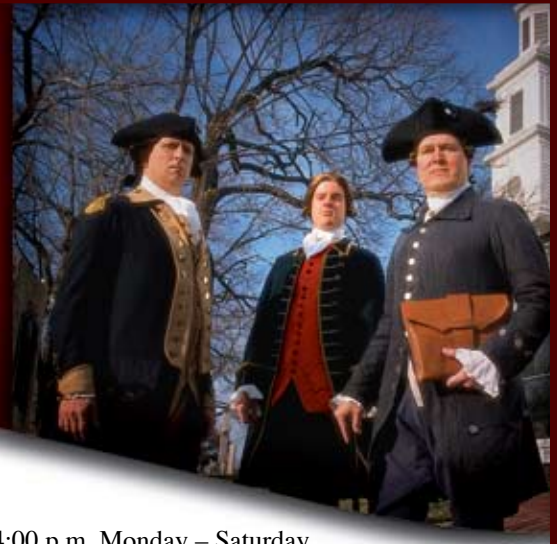




A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH a National Historic Landmark, became famous as a living memorial to American liberty when over 100 Virginia colonial leaders, including Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, and Peyton Randolph met here in March of 1775 to avoid the wrath of Royal Governor Lord Dunmore in Williamsburg. St. John's Church was the only building in Richmond suitable to hold the delegates.



Patrick Henry's famous "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech was delivered on 23 March 1775 inside the church. Henry's timely resolutions passed by a narrow margin and the American Revolution began the following month when shots were fired at Lexington and Concord.

St. John's Church was the first church built in the city of Richmond. It was completed in 1741 as part of the Henrico Parish. William Byrd II, founder of the city of Richmond, donated the land and timber to build the church. The graveyard is the first public cemetery in Richmond. Many persons who made contributions to the history of Richmond and Virginia are buried here.

HOURS

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday

TOUR INFORMATION

Tour length is 25 minutes

Tours begin on the hour and half hour

Minimum group size:	10
Restrooms:	yes
ADA accessible:	yes
Motorcoach parking:	on side street or in parking lot two blocks away
Gift shop:	yes
Restaurant/Café	no

GETTING HERE BY MOTORCOACH

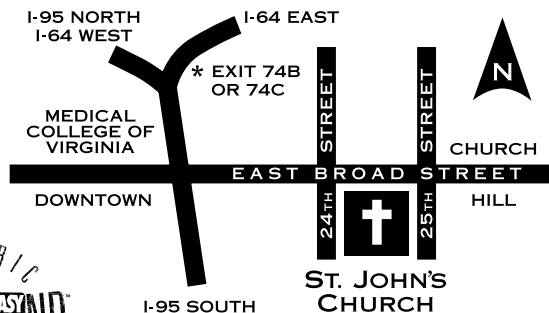
Richmond is situated within a two-hour drive of the Atlantic Ocean, the Blue Ridge Mountains and Washington, DC. The church is easily accessible by Interstates 64 and 95, and the Downtown Expressway.

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* NOTE: SOUTHBOUND: USE EXIT 74B
NORTHBOUND: USE EXIT 74C



TOUR THEMES



COLONIAL AND AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

Conducted inside the historic building, this tour explores the events in Virginia leading up to the American Revolution and the Second Virginia Convention during which Patrick Henry delivered his famous “Give me liberty or give me death” speech.



GRAVEYARD TOUR

Explores the first public cemetery in Richmond, a haphazard, English-style churchyard. The gravestones reveal many interesting aspects of the culture and social patterns of early Virginia.

SUMMER SEASON PUBLIC REENACTMENTS

Public reenactments of the Second Virginia Convention of March 1775, featuring Patrick Henry’s “Give me liberty or give me death” speech are held on Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This historical reenactment is performed by professional actors in colonial attire, who portray ten of the delegates who participated in the convention.



PRIVATE REENACTMENT OF THE SECOND VIRGINIA CONVENTION

Groups may arrange for a private reenactment throughout the year. Performances can be scheduled any day of the week, day or evening. Seating capacity is 325. Please call our Visitor Center at 804-648-5015 or email programs@saintjohns.cc for more information or current pricing.

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH IS A DESTINATION ON THE ROAD TO REVOLUTION

STATE HERITAGE TRAIL composed of:

St. John’s Church

Hanover Courthouse

Hanover Tavern

Scotchtown

Polegreen Church

Pine Slash

Studley

Rural Plains

Hampden-Sydney College

Red Hill



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