

Community Presbyterian Church and Fourth Presbyterian Church invite you to be part of a curated journey to locations central to our nation's civil rights movement.

This ten-day pilgrimage to the South—Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi—promises to deliver a deeper understanding of and insights into the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles as we learn personal stories, visit museums and historical sites, and experience cultural immersion.

Join us as we

- Worship at the **16th Street Baptist Church**, where four young girls were killed in the 1963 Birmingham bombing.
- Tour the **National Memorial for Peace and Justice** in Montgomery that honors—by name—the 4,000-plus African Americans lynched in twelve Southern states from 1877 to 1950.
- Visit the **Whitney Plantation**, a former sugar plantation in Edgard, Louisiana, where the history of enslavement in the U.S. is related from the perspective of the enslaved.
- Visit the **Emmett Till Intrepid Center**, the Glendora, Mississippi, museum that documents the fourteen-year-old's 1955 murder, and the courthouse where the trial of two suspected killers, who were acquitted, occurred.
- **Bond with other participants** and ancestors of faith by hearing powerful accounts of freed African Americans' struggles, and be inspired by their resilience, while sharing in daily reflections and prayer.

Registration for this unique experience will be open to congregants and friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills and to members of the Chicago Presbytery.



Trip Co-Leaders:

Robert Crouch, Beth Freese Dammers, Nanette Sawyer

Estimated cost, not including airfare:

Cost for each person in a Double Room: \$1585

Cost for one person in a Single Room: \$2650

*Breakfast and dinner are included,
but lunch every day is on one's own.*

- Room accommodation will be in hotels.
- Transportation between cities (and between various sites *within* cities) will be by motorcoach.
- Participants are responsible for their travel to New Orleans and their return from Birmingham to home.

Application deadline is July 1, 2024, by which time a deposit of \$500 is required.

Full payment is required by September 1, 2024.

Apply by filling out an online application at www.bit.ly/civilrightstrail2024

Space is limited; register early!

If you have questions or need further information, please contact **Robert Crouch**, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



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The Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

**New Orleans • Jackson
Montgomery • Birmingham**

October 18–27, 2024

Cosponsored by the Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills and the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Friday, October 18

New Orleans

Arrive in New Orleans. (Participants are responsible for their transportation to New Orleans and to the hotel.)



Saturday, October 19

New Orleans

Group tour of Whitney Plantation (*above*), a ninety-minute bus ride from our New Orleans hotel. We will return to New Orleans midafternoon and will enjoy a group dinner that night at the famous Dooky Chase Restaurant.

Sunday, October 20

New Orleans

After an early breakfast and a fifteen-minute bus ride, participants will attend worship at New Zion Baptist Church, followed by a presentation of the church's history, which includes being the site where the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was formed. Participants can explore New Orleans on their own for lunch and the afternoon. Options include a half-day walking tour of such historic places as the country's oldest neighborhood of free people of color at Tremé and visits to Congo Square, the Back Street Culture Museum, the Petit Jazz Museum, the New Orleans African American Museum, and the Lee Musée de Free People of Color.

Monday, October 21

New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi

Following breakfast, we travel via motorcoach to Jackson, a five-hour ride, where we will check into our hotel.

Tuesday, October 22

Jackson, Mississippi

Tour of the Medgar Evers Home followed by a buffet lunch at Mama Hamil and a visit to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Wednesday, October 23

Jackson to Mound Bayou and Glendora, Mississippi

Participants will take a two-and-a-half-hour bus ride to Mound Bayou, a historic Black community that proved key to the freedom movement. Emmett Till's mother stayed here during the trial. Other points of interest include the B.B. King Museum.



Participants will drive through Money, Mississippi, where Bryant Grocery Store, the site of the event that precipitated Till's brutal murder, is located. Also scheduled is a visit to the site where Emmett Till's body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River, the Emmett Till Intrepid Center in Glendora, and the courthouse where the Till trial occurred. A visit to the Emmett Till Interpretive Center will provide a discussion that describes race relations in 1955 and efforts underway toward racial reconciliation.

Thursday, October 24

Jackson to Montgomery, Alabama

After breakfast, participants will take a five-hour bus ride to Montgomery, where they will hear presentations at the Dexter Avenue parsonage, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family lived at the time his home was

bombed in 1956, and the King Memorial Baptist Church, where Dr. King preached and where the December 1955 Montgomery bus boycott was organized. Other places of interest are the Rosa Parks Museum and the Freedom Rides Museum.

Friday, October 25

Montgomery

Participants will visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which commemorates Black lynching victims, and the Legacy Museum (*shown at left*).

Saturday, October 26

Montgomery to Birmingham

After breakfast, participants will take a ninety-minute ride to Birmingham and tour the historic 16th Street Baptist Church and watch a powerful video presentation about the church's bombing, which killed four young girls. The day also will include a visit to the Birmingham Civil Rights



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Sunday, October 27

Birmingham

This last day of the tour will conclude with a 10:45 a.m. worship service at the 16th Street Baptist Church. All are responsible for their travel arrangements home.