

St. Andrew's Pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma:
A Journey of Justice and Healing
January 17-20, 2023



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*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?*

I will with God's help. (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 305*)

A pilgrimage is a journey we take to look for God in a particular place and trust that as we open ourselves to that experience, we will be met with God's presence and direction. This pilgrimage is designed to provide an opportunity to go more deeply into our baptismal promise to strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being. As a community of faith, we will learn together about the racial injustices of our collective past, while recognizing that racism continues to be a present reality that impacts and plagues our church, our community, and our country.

Our four-day, three-night pilgrimage to central Alabama will include museums and sites that played a significant role in our national history and the struggle for human rights, including: **The Civil Rights Legacy Museum, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Edmund Pettus Bridge, and Dexter Ave. King Memorial Baptist Church.**

In preparation for our pilgrimage, our St. Andrew's planning team will offer study, reflection, and community building. The pilgrimage itself is designed by Progressive Pilgrimage; and the Rev. Tricia de Beer, the Rev. John de Beer, and the Rev. Ginny Inman will provide spiritual leadership. **The cost for St. Andrew's members will be no more than \$975** and includes travel in a deluxe motor coach, hotel, several meals, tour guides, and museum and entrance fees.

Register online at <https://progressivepilgrimage.com/standrews23/>.

Pilgrimage Preparation

Note: The class will view portions of the video series *The Color of Compromise*,* which explores the church's role in our racial history.

Sunday, October 9, 11:45 a.m.–12 p.m. (Cloister) Orientation (First Offering)

Discuss “Why do a pilgrimage? Why do we revisit some of our painful racial history?” and the place of grief in the spiritual life.

Details of the trip will be presented.

Recommended reading: Tricia de Beer’s Article “The Place of Grief in the Spiritual Life” <https://standrewsgso.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/The-Place-of-Grief-in-the-Spiritual-Life.pdf>

Sunday, October 16, 11:30–11:45 a.m. (Library) Orientation (Second Offering)

Same as October 9

Sunday, October 23, 4–5:15 p.m. (Cloister) Preparatory Session I

View and discuss portions of *The Color of Compromise*:

*Episode 1: “The Color of Compromise”

*Episode 6: “Re-Constructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era”

Sunday, November 20, 4–5:15 p.m. (Cloister) Preparatory Session II

Before this session, read portions of chapter 4 of White Rage by Carol Anderson on “Rolling Back Civil Rights” (pp. 98–129, 132–137).

View and discuss *Episode 8: “Compromising with Racism during the Civil Rights Movement.”

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 4–5:15 p.m. (Cloister) Preparatory Session III

View and discuss *An Outrage*.

Review pre-trip arrangements.

Sunday, January 29, 5:30–7:30 p.m. (Parish Hall) Post-Pilgrimage Dinner Gathering (Potluck)

View *Episode 11: “The Fierce Urgency of Now.”

Share our learnings and intentions.

Readings and Other Resources We Strongly Recommend:

The movie *13th* explores the way in which the 13th amendment has been used as a means of social control from Reconstruction through current-day mass incarceration.

Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, chapter on Love

“Letter to the Birmingham Jail” and Dr. Martin Luther King’s response, “Letter from the Birmingham Jail”

Just Mercy by Brian Stevenson

Itinerary

This four-day Civil Rights Pilgrimage is a journey from sin to repentance and, finally, to reconciliation. We explore slavery, white supremacy, racism, and Jim Crow on this pilgrimage from Greensboro to Montgomery and Selma. Most importantly, we will think together about how to bring the values of equality and justice home with us.

Tuesday, January 17 | Travel to Montgomery

- Morning departure from Greensboro on a private coach
- Lunch en route (on your own)
- Arrive Montgomery, AL
- Dinner at Pannie George's Cafe (included)
- Overnight at Staybridge Suites, Montgomery

Wednesday, January 18 | Montgomery and Selma

- Memorial for Peace and Reconciliation (EJI)
- Catered picnic lunch, included
- Selma walking tour and peacemaking conversation
- Dinner (on your own) in Montgomery
- Overnight at Staybridge Suites, Montgomery

Thursday, January 19 | Montgomery

- Bus and walking tour in Montgomery with local guide
- Lunch (included)
- Dinner (on your own) in Montgomery
- Overnight at Staybridge Suites, Montgomery

Friday, January 20 | Return to Greensboro

- Return to Greensboro via private coach (lunch on your own en route)



St. Andrew's is partnering with Progressive Pilgrimage in the planning and travel arrangements for this pilgrimage.

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