

# CONSISTORY DOUBLE SLATE

## With Love | Week 4



### Prayer *Praying Scripture & Psalms*



*Praying Scripture* is a practice that invites us to inhabit and authentically pray the prayers, psalms, teachings, and hopes found in the Bible.

- Prepare** | Choose a verse, passage, or psalm that is particularly meaningful for you.
- Connect** | Settle into God's presence. Inhale God's love, grace, and mercy toward you. Exhale fears, doubts, and competing thoughts.
- Inhabit** | Read and meditate on your selected passage, noticing how it comforts or challenges, helps you praise or lament, and ultimately points to God's redemption in your life.
- Offer** | Once the text becomes an authentic prayer from your own life, offer it back to God by reading it again. When you finish reading, simply close with "Amen."

### Fasting *A Simple Practice for Fasting*



- Discern** | Prayerfully discern the appetite that you will relinquish - a meal, social media, technology, etc.
- Design** | Make a plan for your fast - when, how long, people who need to know about it, etc.
- Delight** | Discern how you will actively turn toward God with joy and delight during your fast.

### Mercy *Clothe The Naked*



Bring a favorite (not least liked) article of clothing to service with you for a collective donation to Community Action House on Sunday, April 2.

*Additional one-time & ongoing opportunities*

- Donate used clothing items to our mission partner, Community Action House Resale Store.
- Donate items, sort donations, or volunteer to help retail staff with our mission partner Gateway Mission. Gateway returns 10% of the value of donated items back to Fellowship in gift cards as opportunities to bless people.
- Donate clothing items or volunteer at Bibles for Mexico/Legacy Thrift (see Merle VanderSluis).

Use the QR code for more in-depth information on this week's prayer, fasting, and mercy practices.



## GIVING

To support the work God is doing in and through Fellowship's ministries, you can give using the offering bowls in the sanctuary, or use the QR code to give online.



Each year our outgoing consistory members are tasked with finding their own replacements. At the end of March, we will draw names to determine the final slate, which the congregation will be asked to approve in April at our congregational meeting. Please contact Pastor Nate or Doug DeLeeuw (Nominations Team Chair), if you have any questions or concerns. See below for those who have said they would be willing to serve in the corresponding roles. We give thanks for them!

**We are pleased to share the following double-slate for MLC and CLC.**

#### MLC - ELDER (1 SELECTED)

- Rodger Price
- Steve VanderHill
- Gary Walters

#### MLC - DEACON (1 SELECTED)

- Dave Cammenga
- Robyn Hofmeyer

#### CLC - ELDER (4 SELECTED)

- Cheri Aardema
- Aaron Anderson
- Jeri Bozovsky
- Paul Christensen
- Nancy Hunt
- Joan Kroeze
- Gerry Schreur
- Mary Veele

#### CLC - DEACON (4 SELECTED)

- Steve Buck
- Julie Freyer
- Emily Garcia
- Petra Gonzalez
- Cathy Hamilton
- Heather Postma
- Will Prins
- Robert Vorpapel



**Passion That Teaches**



**Lord. Savior. Teacher. Friend.**

SUNDAY | MARCH 19 | 9 & 10:30AM



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**Prelude**

**Processional:** *Teach Us Your Ways\**

**Call to Worship:** 4th Sunday of Lent

*1000 Tongues\**

**Praying Scripture:** Psalm 27:14

*Wait for the Lord\**

*Your Labor Is Not in Vain\**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Welcome & Announcements**

(children 3 yrs - 5th grade are dismissed during the song)

*Psalm 126\**

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon:** "From Planned to Prepared"

*Everlasting God\**

**Benediction:** *Doxology\**

**Postlude**

*\*indicates congregational song*

**Leading in the Service**

**Preaching:** Rev. Ross Dieleman | **Liturgists:** Rev. Tierra Marshall, Rev. Nate Schipper, Jess Mix

**Processional:** Jim Baar, Ed Schmidt, Ella & Skylar McNeely, Kristi Rosendahl, Pat Vorpapel

**Musicians:** Steve Braunius, Daniel Gonzalez-Gomez, Mike Hamilton, Stephanie Heerspink, Marcia Meoli-Smith, Jennie Schmidt, Lori Stump

**Audio & Video Tech Team:** Joel Bosma, Lisa Braunius, Susan Buck, Jeremy & Ryan Dalman, Petra Gonzalez-Gomez, Duane & Ginger VandenBrink

**ALL-CHURCH SKATING EVENT**

You are invited to join us for this family-friendly skating event at Roll Xscape. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. This includes pizza, pop, skate rental, and all of the skating you'd like! Sunday, March 26, 4:30pm-6:30pm. Sign up using the QR code.



**PRIMETIMERS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The PrimeTimers meet this Wednesday, March 22 in the East Room @ 9am for fellowship, food, and fun. All people aged 65 and older are welcome! Contact Angie Riksen with questions: 616.886.0365. We hope to see you there!

**EASTER FLOWERS**



We invite you to order a potted Easter flower in honor or in memory of a loved one to be placed in our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Flowers are \$10 per pot, and will be available to take home after the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. Use the QR code or call the church office to order by Monday, April 3.

**SAVE THE DATES**

Be sure to mark your calendars for all of the Holy Week services and the annual kids' event! For more details about these events, visit [fellowshipreformed.org/events](http://fellowshipreformed.org/events)

**Palm/Passion Sunday** | Sunday, April 2 @ 9am and 10:30am

**Good Friday** | Friday, April 7 @ 6:30pm

**Egg-cellent Easter Event** | Saturday, April 8 @ 10:30am

**Easter Sunday** | Sunday, April 9 @ 9am and 10:30am

As an **ALL BELONG** church, Fellowship welcomes all individuals and families living with disabilities. Please inquire at the Welcome Center for assistance and/or additional information.

**The Teacher**

**Matthew 25:1-13 | March 19**

Journal it. Ask a friend. Discuss it in a group.

**Reflect** | When you think of your calendar from week-to-week, what usually occupies your time and attention?

**Excavate** | What was the role of bridesmaids (and their torches) in first century Jewish wedding preparations?

**Interpret** | Why were the wise bridesmaids ready to meet the bridegroom? Why did the foolish bridesmaids not have oil for their lamps? What do the foolish bridesmaids miss out on?

**Examine** | Would you describe your life as more like the wise bridesmaids, the foolish bridesmaids, or a little bit of both? How do you know? What does an unprepared disciple miss out on?

**Apply** | Eugene Peterson suggests that "every time [Jesus] comes to us and we receive him, we are further and better prepared to meet him at his final coming—the arrival that will complete everything we understand as history" (*Conversations: The Message Bible*, pp. 1531-1532). Assuming that your own commitments and responsibilities won't change very much, what does it mean to live like a wise(r) disciple? What regular practice could you put on your calendar to keep Jesus in your thoughts so that you are always ready to receive him?

**Invite** | Who in your life seems overwhelmed or even burdened by the busyness of their lives? What are simple yet meaningful ways to help them encounter Jesus that meet them where they are in the busyness of their lives?

**Please note:** The Questions & Conversations reflection questions above are in line with the current week's sermon, instead of looking ahead to the next. If you would like to look ahead to next week, please use the QR code!

