



## Dear Church,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18. For the 40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays, we will journey through various expressions of devotion and worship so that the gospel can make its way deeper into our lives.

Whether you're just only beginning to follow Jesus, or have been a Christian for some time, Lent is a season to allow God to shape your life around the cross and empty tomb of Christ in fresh intentional ways.

Everything we do or say finds focus in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, the highlight of Lent is Holy Week and so it will be for us as a worshipping community as well.

During the days of Lent leading to Easter, refer to the ideas in this bulletin to help you, your friends, or family dig deeper into the weekly themes together. Some of these will take some planning but they can be rewarding.

The goal is not to add more things to your already busy schedules and create tired disciples but to help you find purpose and joy in the death and resurrection of Jesus that would lead you to worship the one who loves us.

We will follow these gospel themes each week:

<b>Feb 18</b> Repentance	<b>Mar 15</b> Sacrifice
<b>Feb 22</b> Humility	<b>Mar 22</b> Death
<b>Mar 1</b> Suffering	<b>Mar 29</b> Resurrection
<b>Mar 8</b> Lament	

## 4 THINGS TO DO IN LENT

### FASTING

Consider the practice of giving something up during Lent, perhaps television, dessert, eating out, or whatever you think you will miss. The point isn't to be reminded of how much you will miss these things, because you will, but drive you to long for God more than the things of this world, the things you think give you life. While you fast, be reminded of Jesus' suffering for us, the denial of his own rights, comfort and life for our sake and the glory of God. This ought to prompt us to pray for those who do not know him in our lives, perhaps reach out to them all the more and when appropriate a chance to hear the gospel.

### GIVING

As we continually think about Jesus' great sacrifice for us this season, our hearts should be stirred toward gratitude. During Lent, consider how you, your family and our church family might give more extravagantly in worship to our savior, who gave his life for us.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Provided are some daily readings here to guide you towards the cross and the resurrection of Jesus. As you read, listen for what speaks to you. What areas of insight or interest do you find? Choose a single area of insight from your readings and write a short reflection on it, including a written prayer at the end.

### COME TOGETHER FOR HOLY WEEK

Plan ahead and let us worship together more closely during Holy Week. We've planned some activities for Palm Sunday afternoon, a special Seder Meal (RSVP needed, reply to [esm@cccnc.org](mailto:esm@cccnc.org)) for Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday Worship Service for us to gather together around.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER/CCCNC

# FEB

**THEME: REPENTANCE**  
**18 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Read: Joel 2: 12-18

Attend Ash Wednesday Service at Vine, 7PM

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Ask someone for forgiveness
- Lift up the ones you have a hard time loving.

**19 THU** Read: Deuteronomy 7:6-11  
**20 FRI** Read: Deuteronomy 7:12-16  
**21 SAT** Read: Deuteronomy 7:17-26

**22 SUN: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | THEME: HUMILITY**  
 Read: Jeremiah 1:1-10

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Pray on your Knees
- Consider different postures of humility

**23 MON** Read: Deuteronomy 8:1-20  
**24 TUES** Read: Deuteronomy 9:1-12  
**25 WED** Read: Deuteronomy 9:13-21  
**26 THU** Read: Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5  
**27 FRI** Read: Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
**28 SAT** Read: Deuteronomy 11:18-28

# MAR

**1 SUN: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | THEME: SUFFERING**  
 Read: Jeremiah 1:1-10

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Skip a meal to pray
- Commit to bearing someone's burden for a long time

**2 MON** Read: Jeremiah 1:11-19  
**3 TUES** Read: Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32  
**4 WED** Read: Jeremiah 3:6-18  
**5 THU** Read: Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28  
**6 FRI** Read: Jeremiah 5:1-9  
**7 SAT** Read: Jeremiah 5:20-31

**8 SUN: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT | THEME: LAMENT**  
 Read: Jeremiah 6:9-15

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Find 2-3 news articles that will drive you to prayer
- Make a list of all the things that trouble you, like injustice, things undone or unanswered prayers, then eagerly anticipate how God will answer.

**9 MON** Read: Jeremiah 7:1-15  
**10 TUES** Read: Jeremiah 7:21-34  
**11 WED** Read: Jeremiah 8:4-7, 18-9:6  
**12 THU** Read: Jeremiah 10:11-24  
**13 FRI** Read: Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-17  
**14 SAT** Read: Jeremiah 13:1-11

**15 SUN: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | THEME: SACRIFICE**  
 Read: Jeremiah 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Prepare an offering for the Good Neighbor Fund
- Skip a meal and use the money you would have spent on yourself to give to someone God puts on your heart.

**16 MON** Read: Jeremiah 16:(1-9) 10-21  
**17 TUES** Read: Jeremiah 17:19-27  
 • Read the biography of St Patrick  
**18 WED** Read: Jeremiah 18:1-11  
**19 THU** Read: Jeremiah 22:13-23  
**20 FRI** Read: Jeremiah 23:1-8  
**21 SAT** Read: Jeremiah 23:9-15

**22 SUN: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | THEME: DEATH**  
 Read: Jeremiah 23:16-32

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Consider what needs to be put to death in your life and what Jesus needs to bring to life in you?

**23 MON** Read: Jeremiah 24:1-10  
**24 TUES** Read: Jeremiah 25:8-17  
**25 WED** Read: Jeremiah 25:30-38  
**26 THU** Read: Jeremiah 26:1-16 (17-24)  
**27 FRI** Read: Jeremiah 29:1 (2-3) 4-14  
**28 SAT** Read: Jeremiah 31:27-34  
 • Participate in the Chinatown Community Spring Cleanup

# HOLY WEEK

**29 SUN: PALM SUNDAY | THEME: RESURRECTION**  
 Read: Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Eat together and fellowship at Vine after Second Hour  
 Bring your own lunch

IDEAS TO CONSIDER DOING THIS WEEK:

- Read 2 Cor 4:7 and consider how to nurture new life.

**30 MON** Read: Jeremiah 11:18-20, 12:1-16 (17)  
**31 TUES** Read: Jeremiah 15:10-21

# APR

**1 WED** Read: Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17 (18)

### 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- Attend Seder Meal at Vine  
 (RSVP NEEDED: Reply to [esm@cccnc.org](mailto:esm@cccnc.org))  
 Read: Jeremiah 20:7-11 (12-13) 14-18

### 3 GOOD FRIDAY

- Attend Good Friday Service at Vine, 7PM  
 Read: John 18:1-19:42

### 4 HOLY SATURDAY

Read: Job 19:21-27a

### 5 EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Lord's resurrection with baptisms followed by a community LoveFeast  
 Read: Colossians 3: 1-4

