

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Heavenly Rest is dedicated to serving and creating community by proclaiming the good news of God's love for all. New here? Please fill out a welcome card from the back of the pew or on our website at heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

TODAY AT HEAVENLY REST

Sunday Morning Classes - Join us Sunday mornings for one of our classes.

- Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Gerhart Hall at 9 am
- Coffee Talks led by Mark Waters - Gen von Ende Room at 9:15 am
- Missional Theology led by B.J. Gensic - Bishop Garrett Room at 9:15am

Sunday School for Children and Youth - Children and teens can head to the parish house for community, connection, and spiritual growth! Contact Carol Ann Weston for information on children's and youth classes.

Youth Hang - All students 6-12th grade are welcome to join us tonight at the Gensics at 5pm.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Baptism Opportunity - On April 4th, the sacrament of baptism will be offered during the Great Vigil of Easter service. To schedule a baptism on this date for you or your child please contact Father David at dromanik@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Help Make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday - The Altar Guild needs your help in making the individual palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Join us: Thursday, March 26, at 4:00 (Bishop Garrett), Friday, March 27, at 4:00 (Bishop Garrett), Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 (Gerhart Hall) No experience necessary! We look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday Night Programming: Living in the Light: Creation, Spirit, and the Voice Within - Artist Carlyn Ray, sharing from her current exhibition at the Grace Museum, reflects on her journey with glass, the Spirit, and the ways she brings light into the world, learning to trust her intuition and the Holy Spirit's movement. In collaboration with Father David, this offering uses voice and song to create a participatory experience, inviting all to listen, sing, and connect. Dinner this week is a **potluck**. All are encouraged to bring a dish. Dinner is at 6:00 and Wednesday night programming begins at 6:30.

Abilene Association of Congregations (AAC) - You're invited to the next AAC luncheon, Wednesday March 25th at 11:45 am in Gerhart Hall. City Manager Emily Crawford will be the speaker. A \$3 donation is requested for lunch. Emily was named city manager of Abilene in June 2025. She was city manager of Brownwood for 10 years prior to that.

Stations of the Cross - Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 12:00 p.m. in the church. This time of prayer and reflection is a powerful way to deepen your faith and walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross. All are welcome to participate as we unite in meditation and prayer during this holy season.

Men's Retreat Save the Date - Heavenly Rest Men - mark your calendars to get away to the Texas Hill Country for a Heavenly Rest Men's Retreat at Mo Ranch July 17-19. Contact David Christianson to reserve your spot. Program and pricing information coming soon.

Easter Flowers and Music Donations - Every year at Easter, flowers and music are given in thanksgiving and remembrance. If you would like to give flowers or music, please donate by using one of the designated envelopes or online. Place the envelope in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **Sunday, March 29th**.

Easter Egg Hunt Needs - On Easter Sunday at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm we will have our annual egg hunts for our morning and afternoon children. We fill about 1500 eggs, so that each child may get 10-12. We need stickers, small toys, and other items that will fit in the eggs, in addition to individually wrapped candy. (NO CHOCOLATE please, since the weather is often quite warm on Easter.)

Bishop Search Survey Final Week- Please fill out the survey (via the QR code) to help the search committee better understand the desires of our diocese. The survey will be open through March 24, 2026.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 29

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with the
Liturgy of the Palms (begins in Courtyard)
1:00 p.m. - Worship in Swahili

Holy Monday and Tuesday - March 30-31

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)
12:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday - April 1

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)
12:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. - Agape Supper (Gerhart Hall)
6:30 p.m. - Family Holy Week Pilgrimage

Maundy Thursday - April 2

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)
12:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with
Stripping of the Altar (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with
Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday - April 3

8:30 a.m. - Liturgy of Good Friday with
Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
12:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
5:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Downtown)

Holy Saturday - April 4

8:30 a.m. - Holy Saturday Liturgy
8:00 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day - April 5

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Hymns
9:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch (Gerhart Hall)
10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist
1:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist in Swahili
3:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
2:00 PM Lyndale Liturgy
5:00 PM Youth Night
6:00 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry (St. Mark's)

Monday, March 23rd

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, March 24th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
12:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
5:30 PM Prayer & Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, March 25th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Sewing Circle
11:45 AM Abilene Association of Congregations
5:15 PM Children's Music, Choristers, and Wind Down Wednesday*
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing*
6:00 PM Meal and Programming*
6:40 PM Canterbury Ringers
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
12:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting - Midday Option
4:00 PM Palm Cross Making Session (Bishop Garrett)
6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting - Evening Option
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, March 27th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
4:00 PM Palm Cross Making Session (Bishop Garrett)

Saturday, March 28th

8:30 AM Swahili Prayer
9:00 AM Altar Guild Preparation
10:00 AM Palm Cross Making Session (Gerhart)
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

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1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Night
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

*Nursery available (ages 0-4 years old)

MINISTRIES

Hands-On Outreach Ministry – Our parish grocery distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, is currently in need of **canned vegetables**. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at smmnm@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thrift House - The Thrift House shelves are in need of the following **donations**: kitchen items, decorative pieces, handbags and shoes. Please look and see if you have anything to give. We are always appreciative of your generosity. The Thrift House accepts donations 9:30-4:30 Tuesday through Friday.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Robin Dennis, Amy Edington, Henry Hardaway, Mary Hieronymi, Max Lindsey, LeighAnna Morris, Paloma Moyer, Asher Skinner, Tabitha Skinner

Intercessions: Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Amy Edington, Gerry Lawler, Don Bridges, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Patti and Andrew Young, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Evelyn French, Keith Boyd, Stephanie Ward, Peter Efroyimnson, Brandy Gaiennie, Duane Martin, Dominique Ryals, Gene Skaggs, Truitt Sutton, Brenda Becker, Lace Archambeau, Leta Bell, Annabel House, Linda Greer, Carlotta Luster, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Brianna Johnson-Onielle, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Jim, Scott Mead, Charlie Donovan, Jacob Moore, Chris Thomas, Alice Townsend Poirrier, Charles Fairchilds, Bryan Gibbs, Karen Telck, Leslie Smith, Barbara Arnold, Dianne Cash, Martha Swartz, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Susan Langford, Dawn Ahart, Jerry Gulley, Ralph Webb, Rusty Plocheck, Barbara Brock, Anne Melcher, Christopher Choate, Shane Jones, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Riziki Mulanda, Michael Scarborough, Joe Biles, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Judy Daniels, Martha McDaniel, Sally Skaggs, Tom Lindley

CONTACT US

To learn more or to contact the clergy, visit us online at heavenlyrestabilene.org or by email info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1-4:30 PM, F 8:30-12:00 PM

Hands On-Assistance (Online) M,W,F 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Grocery Distribution F 9-11:30 AM

Phone: (325) 677-2091

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Thrift House, 761 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX 79601

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Open: Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Is there something you would like to share with the church? Please submit announcements and materials to the Communications office.

Contact Jen Rogers at jrogers@heavenlyrestabilene.org.