

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.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY



**Chamber Music Concert Series, Spring 2024:
"Thomas Pavlechko, Organ Recital"**

Join us next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the nave for an organ recital by our organist and director of music, Thomas Pavlechko. The music will feature works for solo organ by Bach, Boyce, Pachelbel, Parry and Widor, hymn variations by various composers, and hymns for all to join in singing. This recital is free and open to the public.

Who Wrote the Book of Common Prayer? - Exploring Spiritual Treasure invites you to a special class this Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 a.m. in Gerhart Hall. Blending church history and spiritual treasure, the Reverend Doctor Russell Dickerson will present "Who Wrote the Prayer Book?" Join us for this exciting offering as we end our spring semester. Our last class will be held on Sunday, May 5, celebrating a year of spiritual formation and community.

Liturgy at Lyndale - Heavenly Rest has been given a wonderful opportunity to worship God with the residents of Lyndale Abilene Memory Care, located at 6568 Central Park Blvd. We will gather at the facility on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. to share liturgy and song. Our next service is this Sunday afternoon. Bring the whole family! For more information contact Deacon Karen at kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Family Vacation Bible School - for all ages, children through adults, is scheduled for June 3-5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is now open for families, groups, and helpers. For more information and to register go to heavenlyrestabilene.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Please note that the link in this announcement is the only one that will work. Previous links will not work. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. You may also scan the QR code on the right. Questions? Contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org or Amanda Harbaugh at astokes414@gmail.com



Young Adult Book Study - Are you in your 20s, 30s, 40s, or simply young at heart? If so dive into Anne Lamott's "Traveling Mercies" with us, a journey through faith, grace, and life's imperfections. Our sessions began on April 7th and will be held every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Gen Von Ende Room. We will be covering chapter three this Sunday. Please let Luke Mendez know at lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

Volunteer for Breakfast on Beech Street - Please consider helping to feed the hungry at Breakfast on Beech Street (BOBS). BOBS meets at 301 North Beech Street (formerly First Christian Church), where we serve between 40 and 80 guests every week. The commitment for volunteers is generally no more than 10 Mondays a year. Heavenly Rest's BOBS teams serve on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend to volunteer: you do not need to be a parishioner to participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jody DePriest (325-669-3312).

TOWER TALES - This summer, we invite all children in the parish and the neighborhood to storytime on the east lawn, beginning on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. We are excited for you to join us in this new ministry!

May – a Month of Celebrations

May 5 - Missions Sunday

On this special Sunday, we will celebrate all persons involved in the off-campus missions of Heavenly Rest, i.e., St. John's Episcopal School, Thrift House, and Breakfast on Beech Street, Bowie Angels - those ways that Heavenly Rest is present and at work in the community.

May 12 - Senior Sunday

We will take time to introduce and celebrate our graduating seniors at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., presenting Bibles and awarding the Dan Abbott Scholarship.

May 19 - Appreciation Sunday

This is a special time to acknowledge worship leaders, leaders of children and youth, adult study leaders, outreach volunteers, altar guild, kitchen and office volunteers, acolytes, choral singers, handbell ringers, and all others who serve in the ministries of Heavenly Rest.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
2:00 PM Liturgy at Lyndale
3:30 PM 1:00 p.m. Church Committee Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Nights
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, April 29th

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, April 30th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:45 AM IRC Sewing Circle
10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:00 AM Clergy meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, May 1st

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)
5:15 PM Children's Music*
5:15 PM Wind Down Wednesday*
5:30 PM Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Nave)*
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Programming*

6:40 PM Canterbury Handbell Choir*
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2nd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
1:00 PM Exploring Spiritual Treasure mentor meeting
5:15 PM Girl Scout Troop
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, May 3rd (offices closed at noon)

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Grocery Distribution
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 AM Altar Guild
10:30 PM 1:00 p.m. Church Committee Meeting
4:00 PM Alleluia Choir rehearsal
5:30 PM Supper Club Gathering

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
12:00 PM VBS Meeting
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
2:00 PM Daughters of the King
5:00 PM Thomas Pavlechko Organ Recital
5:00 PM Youth Nights
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

*nursery care is available for ages 0-4

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar.

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVINGS

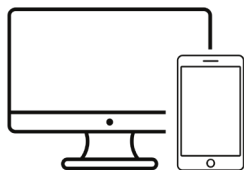
For those celebrating birthdays: Sally Brewster, Nancy Capra, Anna Ferguson, Amouri, Margaret Romanik, Jan Walker

INTERCESSIONS

Jim and Tom Rock, Ben Mendez, Amanda Young, Michael Hilliard, Michelle Mues, Roger Beamer, Rody Williams, Mychella Schadle, Elon Mues, Shirley Weston, Ali D. Thornhill, Mike Price, Cherry Hart, the Holle family, Jim Pizzorno, Rusty Plochek, Gerry Lawler, Chuck Hurlbut, Erin Thomas, Conner Durrington, Freddie Wagner, Elizabeth Burton, Tim Bosley, Delores Rodriguez, Anthony Elmore, Arnold Guerra, Robert Gillespie, Bobby Frank Estes, Kathryn Townsend, Evelyn Niblo, Susan Langford, Ann Hollandsworth, Ann Hart, Sandy Bridges, the Akin family, John Best, Allen Williamson, Raymond Reyes, Andrew Hubbard, Wayne Dacy, Michael Baker, Larry and Leta Bell, Carolyn Tindol, Debbie Beeksma, Mike Culligan, Stan Brown, Rachel Marderosian, Norm French, Russell McKeever, Shane Jones, Jamie Dunn, Ron Rathbun, Mary Lou Conley, Renee Haney, Clayton Bolt, Sandy Graham, Donnie & Lisa Carroll, Karen Surovik, Manolo Cabasal, Jeni Jamison, Beth Shoemaker, Janet & Phillip Jergins, Andrew Hubbard, Christopher Choate, Ron Murphy, Adley Burden, Susan Pratt, Calvin Fuller, Jim McBride, Jerry Bell, Arianna Kenyon, BJ Madrid, Ken Reed

For deployed military and first responders: Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, David Broyles, Jr., Joshua Mehaffey, Health Care Workers, Members of the Abilene Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

For the recently departed: Irving Henry Waters, Rocky Dean Holmes, Ann Allen, Anna Holle, Jim Boykin, Eddie Lang



Haven't seen your birthday listed?! Update your information in our church database:

Connect with your Church family online! - We are developing several streamlined ways to connect with your church family. Discover how you can interact more efficiently with your ministry groups and fellow parishioners. Our online directory is now available to access on a platform called Church Center. You must log in to heavenlyrestabilene.churchcenter.com/directory to update or create your profile. You can use your phone number or email to gain access. Please make sure to update your profile with the latest information. You also have control over what information is shared. Contact the office with questions at info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.



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Contact Austin Hackel at ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org.