

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.
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TODAY AT HEAVENLY REST

Sunday School Classes for Adults - Join us at 9:15 for one of our three adult Sunday School classes: Coffee Talks (Gen Von Ende) with Dr. Mark Waters, Exploring Spiritual Treasure (Gerhart) with a variety of speakers and C. S. Lewis: Letters on Faith (Bishop Garrett) with Dr. Darryl Tippens.

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.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

EST Fall Schedule - Anyone who is new to the Episcopal Church, new to Heavenly Rest, or interested in deepening their faith is invited to join us this fall. This week, Mother Amanda will continue leading us in a 2-part series on "Sacraments: Holy Eucharist." Grab Breakfast, sit at the tables near the lectern, and join the conversation!

Nursery Caregivers Needed - Do you love working with children and want to serve our families? Heavenly Rest is looking for dependable and engaging individuals to join our team in providing safe, nurturing, clean and efficient care for children 4 years and younger. Current shifts needed: Sun (12:45-3:30 pm), Wed (5-7:30 pm), special events and Sun am substitutes. Pay begins at \$12/hr. Must be at least 18 years old, pass a background check, and complete the Safe Church training. Interested? Contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org or 830-370-6416.

Wednesday Nights: Voices from the Diocese - As we prepare for the election of the next Bishop of Northwest Texas, we have invited people from around the Diocese to share the work that they are doing and remind us of the ways we are connected beyond the campus of Heavenly Rest. This Wednesday, we will hear from the Reverend Dr. Christopher Simpson, rector of St. Mary's in Big Spring. Fr. Christopher is a scholar who has written several volumes on theology. He will be discussing ways of thinking about the person of the Holy Spirit within the Holy Trinity from Scripture and the Christian tradition. Join us for a dinner at 6 pm followed by programming for all ages.

Trick or Treat at Heavenly Rest - Halloween is coming and all the goblins and mysterious visitors will gather in our church parking lot to Trick or Treat. We look forward to meeting all our neighbors near and far. Starting today, we are collecting candy and non-food food treats to hand out on Halloween. You can find the bins for candy and treat donations in the Narthex, Parish House and in Gerhart Hall. On Halloween, we will need vehicles/trucks to serve as trick or treat stops. Please contact Amanda Harbaugh through the church office or Mtr. Amanda 325-370-5650 to volunteer to help or bring your trunk.

Chamber Music Concert Series - The Heavenly Rest Chamber Music Concert Series is excited to open its 2026-27 season on Sunday, October 18, at 6:00 pm with a concert featuring many of our talented local professional musicians. The program will include beautiful works for winds and strings by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Martinů, and Debussy. This concert also marks the reawakening of a chamber music tradition formerly known as the Abilene Chamber Players, led primarily by beloved clarinetist Dr. Charles Colman. These unique ensembles combine the colors of a woodwind quintet and string quartet, with additional instruments as needed, creating a rich and captivating chamber music experience.

CHR Youth on Third - Youth and parents, keep an eye out for communication from Mother Ashley about this month's Youth on Third (Oct. 18, 4 pm, Gerhart Hall).

Bishop Nominees Announced - The list of those who have been nominated for 6th Bishop of Northwest Texas has been published. The nominees are the Reverend Amy Haynie, Rector of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland, Texas; the Reverend Canon Betsy Randall, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Oklahoma; the Reverend Christopher Thomas, Rector of St. Thomas the Apostle in Dallas, Texas; and the Reverend Canon Andrew Wright, Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff in the Diocese of Newark (New Jersey). You can read more about the nominees by visiting <https://dionwt.org/bishop-nominees>.

Consecration Sunday is October 25th - Consecration Sunday is an important day in the life of our community. We hope that you are able to join us for service and lunch. Please let us know if you can attend by filling out a reservation card or using the QR code.



THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
2:00 PM GROW Sunday School
7:00 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)
7:30 PM EYA - Encounter

Monday, October 12th

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Soup Sisters & Misterys
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, October 13th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
6:00 PM Neighborhood Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, October 14th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Sewing Circle
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 Rehearsal
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15th

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
6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting - Evening Option
6:30 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, October 16th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution

Saturday, October 17th

8:30 AM Swahili Prayer
9:00 AM Altar Guild Preparation
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili*
4:00 PM Youth on Third
6:00 PM Chamber Music Concert Series
7:00 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)
7:30 PM EYA - Encounter

** 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 soups, deodorant and bar soap. 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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Father David and Sarah Beth, with gratitude for fifteen years of marriage and for the love, support and care of this church community along the way.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Rett Cockrell, George Ferguson, Michelle Fernung, Shepherd Gensic, Davis Goolsby, Isaya Lawi, Vincent Madrid, Shelia Richie, Debbie Sherman

Intercessions: Caroline Morris Oelfke, Sam Funk, Beth Keffer, Sherry Burchell, Evelyn French, Lew Carter, Brennan, Rusty Plocheck, Andrew Bennett, David Elsey, Lisa Moore, Bunny Oliver, Jan Clawson, Dottie Norwood, Chuck Webber, Carlotta Luster, Jan Mudd, Jennifer Satterwhite, Beckie Brame, Jim Willis, Kevin Peters, Keith Boyd, Max Stearns, Auby Teten, Steve Hinman, David Blankenship, Courtney Webb, Susan Krane, David Stroope, Summer Casey, Glen and Jan Funkey, Stan Treanor, Elizabeth Burton, Donna Nelson, Melissa, Ocala Chapman, Ken Majkut, Eca Epambela, Carrie Garcia, Ed Conley, Richard, Barbara Brock, Carol Knapp, Jackie Batjer, Michelle Fernung, Charlotte Passell, Jerry Gulley and David Lynch, Tommy Pyeatt, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Diane Stearns, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroymsen, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Ralph Webb, Christopher Choate, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Weaver Lilly, Sam Choate, Ryan Jones, Michael Scarborough, Riziki Mulanda, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Scott Mead, Gary West, Rita Turkett, Bachoke Kitumaini, Lola Williams

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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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.