

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](http://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
- Eastertide book study led by David Christianson - 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.

**Graduate Sunday** - We will take time to introduce and celebrate our graduating seniors at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and award the Dan Abbott Scholarship. For over 50 years, scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves in service to the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest or St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**Organ Dedication** - Please join us at 6 pm to celebrate and give thanks for the completion of this phase of the restoration and expansion of our Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ.

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Wednesday Night Programming** - *Bless Thine Inheritance - Architecture as Theology*. This Wednesday our presenter is Dr. John Joyner, an advisor to Episcopal parishes on Neo-Gothic architecture, liturgical space planning, and acoustics for choir and organ. He is currently researching and writing on Ecclesiastical Architecture of Philip Hubert Frohman, the architect of Heavenly Rest. Joyner will speak to how architectural and liturgical themes informed one another in Anglican architecture, as well giving us an increased awareness of the architectural significance Heavenly Rest. Please join us for dinner at 6 p.m. and programming at 6:30 p.m.

**EST Spring Schedule** - We will spend the spring going through each baptismal promise. Come for breakfast and stay for spiritual treasure! 5/3: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" (David Romanik), 5/10: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" (Karen Boyd), 5/17: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" (Dustin Rainwater).

**Chamber Music Concert Series**- On **May 5**, we will welcome **Chorus Abilene's Backbeat Chorus** at 7:30. This program explores themes of time, friendship, struggle, hope, and joy through a diverse selection of contemporary and choral works.

**Rogation Day Procession, May 13** - Join us at 6 p.m. for a traditional Rogation Day procession as we walk the boundaries of our parish, offering prayers for God's mercy, protection from disasters, and blessings for a fruitful harvest. This ancient custom, dating back to the 5th century, reflects our call to be faithful stewards of God's creation. The procession will begin in the courtyard and conclude with the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful observance.

**Ascension Day Eucharist, May 14** - Celebrate the Ascension of the Lord with the Holy Eucharist and hymns at 7 p.m. This feast commemorates Christ's bodily ascension into heaven, marking the culmination of the Paschal Mystery.

**Appreciation Sunday, May 17th** - This is a special time to acknowledge worship leaders, leaders of children and youth, adult study leaders, altar guild, kitchen and office volunteers, acolytes, and all others who serve in the ministries of Heavenly Rest.

**Father David's Upcoming Sabbatical (May 11-August 17)**

We are excited that Father David will soon be taking his well-earned sabbatical. A sabbatical is a time for rest, refreshment, recreation, travel, reading, study, hobbies, and the renewal of personal relationships. Priests in the Episcopal Church customarily take a sabbatical after seven years of service in a particular congregation.

This May, David will mark his seventh year at Heavenly Rest.

In David's absence, our Senior Warden Kate Haney and our Associate Rector Mother Ashley will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the parish. They will determine if there is anything that should be communicated with David while he is gone.

During this time, please share any pastoral needs to the church office or other members of the clergy. Sunday, May 10th will be David's last day before sabbatical. His first day back will be Tuesday, August 18th. Please join us in prayer for David, Sarah Beth, CeCe, Lizzie and Gracie Romanik during the upcoming months.

Registration & Information

**VBS**

June 1-3



**Women's Retreat**

June 12-14



**Men's Retreat**

July 17-17



**Summer Camps**

June 21-26 & July 12-17



## THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at [heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar)

### Sunday, May 3rd

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)\*  
12:00 PM VBS Team Meeting  
12:00 PM Daughters of the King  
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)\*  
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School  
5:15 PM Choir Warm-up  
6:00 PM Organ Dedication and Reception  
7:00 PM Evening Prayer  
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

### Monday, May 4th

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

### Tuesday, May 5th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
10:00 AM Staff meeting  
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer  
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers  
7:00 PM Unity Group AA  
7:30 PM Chamber Music Concert Series: Chorus  
Abilene's Backbeat Chorus

### Wednesday, May 6th

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  
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 7th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study  
12:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (midday option)  
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag  
12:00 PM Abilene Interfaith Council (Center for Contemporary Arts)

6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (evening option)  
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

### Friday, May 8th

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

### Saturday, May 9th

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, May 10th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
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1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)\*  
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## MINISTRIES

**Hands-On Outreach Ministry** – Our parish grocery distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, is currently in need of **personal hygiene items**. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at [smmmn@aol.com](mailto:smmmn@aol.com) for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, please contact the parish office at (325)-677-2091. Suggested donation is \$150.

## PRAYERS

**Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week:** Thereze Akimana, Sally Brewster, Deo Bugarura, Emily Bush, Mapatano Donne, Anna Ferguson, Collin McClellan, Margaret Romanik, John Suttle, Elizabeth Wallace

**Intercessions:** Carol Knapp, Kristin Funk, Jackie Batjer, Sandra Pierson, Michelle Fernung, Jim McManus, Sandy Abel, Charlotte Passell, Kathy Dickerson, Cindy Stevens, Jerry Gulley, Linda Chorn, Evelyn French, Dustin Tatro, Lola Williams, Gary and Debby West, Mitch Krane, Tommy Pyeatt, Keith Boyd, Truitt Sutton, Courtney Newton, Annabel House, Don Bridges, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Gerry Lawler, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroyimnson, Brandy Gaiennie, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, Leta Bell, Linda Greer, Carlotta Luster, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Brianna Johnson-Onielle, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Scott Mead, Charlie Donovan, Alice Townsend Poirrier, Charles Fairchilds, Bryan Gibbs, Karen Telck, Barbara Arnold, Dianne Cash, Martha Swartz, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Susan Langford, Dawn Ahart, Ralph Webb, Rusty Plocheck, Barbara Brock, Anne Melcher, Christopher Choate, Shane Jones, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alemba

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

**Intercessions for the recently departed:** Gene Skaggs, Shannon Young, Lloyd Felton, Billye Proctor Shaw, Chris Thomas, Mike Wiggins Sr., Jacob Moore

## CONTACT US

To learn more or to contact the clergy, visit us online at [heavenlyrestabilene.org](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org) or by email [info@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto: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](mailto:jrogers@heavenlyrestabilene.org).