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 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.

Dia de los Muertos Holy Eucharist - You are invited to join us for a special bilingual English/Spanish Eucharist service on November 1st @ 7:00 pm! Also known as "Day of the Dead," it is a special Indigenous/Mexican holiday that is celebrated world-wide to denote the journey of loved ones who have passed on as they are reunited with their families during this time of year. We will gather around the Lord's table and have communion with saints past and present. All are welcome!

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

EST - Join us throughout the month of November for great classes to prepare for confirmation and deepen our faith! This Sunday, November 1st will be "History of Heavenly Rest" with Jay Moore. November 8th will be "Confirmation & Membership" with Fr. David, November 15th "Stewardship" with Jen Rogers, and Nov 22nd "Reconciliation and Ministration" with Mtr. Ashley. Grab breakfast and join us for good conversation!

Wednesday Night Programming - The Diocese of Northwest Texas will elect a new Bishop in January. As we prepare for the election, we will be taking time to consider why we have Bishops, and also to learn more about those who have been nominated. On Wednesday, November 4, David Romanik will discuss the role of the Bishop and share some information about those who have been nominated. On Wednesday, November 11, we will watch the livestream of the Meet and Greet from Holy Trinity in Midland. Join us for supper at 6:00 and the program at 6:30. Also, please plan to join us for the Meet and Greet hosted by Heavenly Rest at 6:30 on Thursday, November 12 in the Nave.

Consecration Sunday - Consecration Sunday was a success and we are grateful that so many of you could join us for worship and lunch. 95 households and 8 children returned estimate of giving cards on Sunday for a total pledged amount of $688,211.56. If you missed Father Robert's message, it can be found on our YouTube page. If you weren't able to attend, you'll soon receive a giving card in the mail. Estimate of giving cards are also located in the Narthex and the church office.



BISHOP TRANSITION

We are in the midst of a Bishop Transition in the Diocese of Northwest Texas! The Sixth Bishop of Northwest Texas will be elected by the Diocese on January 16, 2027 at All Saints' Episcopal School in Lubbock. The nominees for Bishop 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. You will have a chance to hear from the nominees at a series of "Meet and Greet" events between November 11 and November 14. The schedule for these sessions can be found below. Each of these events will be livestreamed online.

November 11, 6:30 pm - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Midland, TX
November 12, 12:00 pm - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, San Angelo, TX
November 12, 6:30 pm - Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene, TX
November 13, 6:30 pm - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Amarillo, TX
November 14, 6:30 pm - St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Lubbock, TX

Bishop Nominee Information

THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, November 1st
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee & Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
12:00 PM Daughters of the King
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30 PM EYA

Monday, November 2nd
5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, November 3rd
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

Wednesday, November 4th
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, November 5th
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
6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (Evening Option)
6:30 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, November 6th
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution

Saturday, November 7th
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, November 8th
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee & Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
7:00 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)
7:30 PM EYA

** 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, in thanksgiving for the infinite beauty of God's creation, in memory of loved ones who have passed and in cherished remembrance of the love of Nicholas James Andrews, by his children.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: George Andrews, Ella Burns, Byron Fenn, Zara Lemmons, Archie Phillips, Aimee Powell, Carol Roberts

Intercessions: Sam Cutbirth, Mary Hieronymi, Phil Chambers, Mike Drinkard, Kent Gallaher, Lew Carter, Lucia Gomez, Jenny Young, Bobby Reyes, Julie Hurt, Ray Pyeatt, Erling Furunes, Paige Parker, Amy Lang, Cindy Hudson, Diane Stearns, Caroline Morris Oelfke, Sam Funk, Beth Keffer, Sherry Burchell, Brennan, Rusty Plocheck, Andrew Bennett, David Elsey, Lisa Moore, Carlotta Luster, Keith Boyd, Max Stearns, Steve Hinman, David Blankenship, David Stroope, Glen and Jan Funkey, Stan Treanor, Elizabeth Burton, Donna Nelson, Melissa, Ovala 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, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroymnson, 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: Jennifer Satterwhite, Bunny Oliver, Laura Reinbolt

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

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Thrift House, 761 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX 79601 (325) 672-3812 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.