

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).*

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Exploring Spiritual Treasure** - This coming Sunday, April 6, we will conclude our Lenten series with the final promise: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" We welcome the Craig family as they explore this promise and share their story. Breakfast, as always, will begin at 9:00, and the program at 9:15. Everyone is welcome!

**Coffee Talks** - The Coffee Talks Sunday school class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Gen von Ende room. Participants watch a carefully selected video followed by a discussion. Video topics are diverse, but inevitably lead to rich conversations about authentic and intellectually honest Christian living. These conversations are typically facilitated by Mark Waters, with a variety of other facilitators when Mark is away. We invite anyone aged 18 or older. The intergenerational nature of the group adds to the variety, insight, and depth of the interactions. To date, participant ages have ranged broadly from 19 to early 80's.

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Altar Guild Needs Your Help!** - The Altar Guild is seeking volunteers to help fold palm crosses before Palm Sunday. No experience is needed—training will be provided on the spot! Join us on Thursday, April 10, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Bishop Garrett Room, or on Saturday, April 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Gerhart Hall. Your work will make a meaningful difference as we prepare for this holy day!

**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.

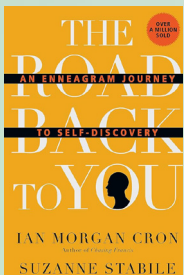
**Confession** - During the season of Lent, clergy will be available on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in the chapel for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Clergy will also be available to hear confessions at 1:00 Monday through Thursday during Holy Week (April 14 through April 17), and from 1:00 to 3:00 on Good Friday (April 18). If you would like to have your confession heard, wait in the pews near the baptismal font and you will be brought to the chapel by a priest. At the beginning of the service, the priest will usually walk the penitent through the service. The Sacrament of Reconciliation rarely takes more than ten minutes.

**Baptism Opportunity** - We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism on Saturday, April 19 during the Easter Vigil service at 8 pm, beginning in the courtyard. If you or someone you know is interested in baptism, please contact Mother Karen at [kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org) for more information.

**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. Place the envelope in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, April 13th.

**Hands-On Outreach** - Our Hands-On Outreach Distribution ministry is in need of donations to continue serving our community. We are accepting diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), wipes, and bottled water. Your generous contributions will make a direct impact on those in need. Thank you for your support and willingness to help!

**Abilene Interfaith Council Day Trip to Lubbock** - Join us on Friday, April 11th, for a unique and enriching day trip to Lubbock! We will visit the Hindu Temple, Jewish Synagogue, and the Islamic Center of the South Plains, fostering interfaith understanding and connection. The Bilbrey bus will depart from Highland Church of Christ at 7:00 AM. The cost is \$25 per person. To sign up and pay, visit [abileneinterfaith.org](http://abileneinterfaith.org). For questions, call 325-692-3353.



**Final Session on *The Road Back to You*** - This Wednesday, April 9th, marks the final session of our Lenten book study, *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Join us as we wrap up our study and reflect on all we've learned throughout this journey. We'll take time to discuss key insights and how the Enneagram can continue to enrich our faith. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the impact of this series and how it has deepened our understanding of ourselves and our spiritual journey. See you there!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**April 13-20 - Holy Week**

For schedule, see [www.heavenlyrestabilene.org/holyweek](http://www.heavenlyrestabilene.org/holyweek)

**Tuesday, April 29 - Chamber Music Concert Series**

7:00 pm - Chorus Abilene's BackBeat  
Serayah Peters, Conductor

**Sunday, May 4 - Chamber Music Concert Series**

6:00 pm - Brass, Organ, Percussion

**Sunday, May 18 - Chamber Music Concert Series**

6:00 pm. - Organ Demonstration, Thomas Pavlechko

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Sunday, April 6th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure, Coffee Talks,  
Sunday School, Preaching the Good Word\*  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)\*  
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili\*  
2:00 PM Daughters of the King  
5:00 PM Heavenly Rest Youth  
7:00 PM Eucharist  
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

## Monday, April 7th

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

## Tuesday, April 8th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)  
10:00 AM Sewing Circle  
10:00 AM Staff meeting  
12:30 PM Confession  
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer  
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers  
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

## Wednesday, April 9th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)  
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance  
5:15 PM Wind Down Wednesdays\*  
5:15 PM Children's Music Rehearsal  
5:15 PM Heavenly Rest Choristers Rehearsal  
5:30 PM Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)\*  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Program\*  
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 10th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Bible Study  
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)  
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag  
1:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting  
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop  
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

## Friday, April 11th (offices close at noon)

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)  
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution  
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance  
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, April 12th

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, April 13th - Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure, Coffee Talks,  
Sunday School, Preaching the Good Word\*  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)\*  
Service begins in the courtyard  
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili\*  
5:00 PM Heavenly Rest Youth  
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](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar).*

## PRAYERS

### THANKSGIVINGS

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Michael Christie, Sabina Copeland, Callie Hampton

### INTERCESSIONS

Hubert Smith, Barbara Brock, Freddie Maxwell, Eugene Ritter, Cynthia Akin, Jeff Holland, Mary Lou Robertson, Jeannie Best, Kathy Hale, Fred Ostrow, Anne Melcher, Glen Messemer, Barbara Edwards, Pete Mendez, Mary Lou Robertson, Freda Kennedy, John Best,, Gretchen Herman, Rusty Plocheck, Ron Rathbun, BJ Madrid, Lynn Boyd, Paula Sears, Amanda Biles, Kevin Bredemeyer, Jerry Gulley, Bill Thompson, Hunter Thomas, Scott Riedel, Rebecca Smith & Family, Scooter Hall, Koti Goolsby, Mary Self, Marisa Alonso, Robert Gillespie, Gary and Debbie West, Donald McDonald, Charles Fairchilds, Callie Hampton, Alan Sweeton, Jeannie Best, Peggy Valentine, Tessa & Elena, Larry and Leta Bell, Evelyn Niblo, John Davison, Fabiola Mulanda, Chris Thomas, Andrew Hubbard, Bob and Susan Miller, Cathy Hautala, Doug Lampkin, Keith Boyd, Jeffy Herman, Daron Brown, Christopher Choate, Tommy Lindley, Shane Jones, Becky McDonald, Amanda Sellers, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo, Zach Hackel

**For deployed military and first responders:** Michael Paisley, David Broyles, Jr., Weaver Lilly, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments, Health Care Workers

**For the recently departed:** Tina Steward



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*Contact Austin Hackel at [ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org).*