



**Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
Sunday, 26 September, 2021
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We love having visitors!



Have you and your family ever had someone come to your home for a visit? Today, our church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge as our guest. Shadyside Church invited Dr. Sorge to help lead worship by preaching God's Word and by worshiping and praying with us.

Dr. Sorge is a pastor but he doesn't currently work in one specific church. Dr. Sorge was elected to a very important office in the Pittsburgh Presbytery. The Presbytery is the big organization of Presbyterian Churches to which SPC belongs. Dr. Sorge is the General Minister for the Presbytery, which means he's kind of like the pastor for all of the pastors!

Before his role at Pittsburgh Presbytery, Dr. Sorge was a pastor at churches in North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

If you could ask Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge a question, what would it be?

Where in the Word is the Word?

"The Word" can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?
They are located in the Old and New Testaments:

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Esther	7	1-10
Mark	9	38-41



What do you know about Esther? Turn the page to learn more!



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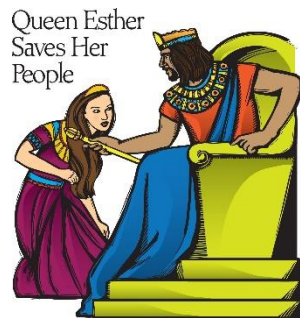


What if God calls and you're afraid to answer?

A "call" is when God asks us or directs us to do something.

- ❖ We have talked a lot lately about how God called Rev. Austin Crenshaw Shelley to be our church's Senior Pastor
- ❖ You may have heard a Sunday school teacher say they were called to help with Children's Ministry
- ❖ Missionaries who serve in faraway places may say God called them to that place

Some people actually hear God speaking to them, while others feel God in their heart but don't hear God's words.



The Old Testament story of Esther is an example of God calling someone to do something dangerous and difficult. At first, Esther isn't sure what to do, but she trusts God to help her. Her friends, family, and community pray for her. Esther prayed. Esther answered God's call and was very brave. She might have been afraid, but she knew God would be with her.

We can learn through the story of Esther that God helps us to be brave. God doesn't leave us. God helps us even when we are afraid.

Who's who in the story?

You'll hear some names in the Old Testament story today. This should help you figure out who is who:

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| King Ahasuerus | The King of Persia (today the country is called Iran)
Loved Esther very much |
| Esther | A young Jewish woman chosen to be the queen of Persia
The brave hero of the story |
| Mordecai | Esther's older male cousin who was like a Dad to her |
| Jews | The name for God's people |
| Haman | A Persian official who wanted to kill God's people |



Esther - The Brave Queen

If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

Solve the secret code words in the puzzle below.

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

13-15-18-4-5-3-1-9 _____

3-18-15-23-14 _____

2-18-1-22-5 _____

11-9-14-7 _____

2-5-1-21-20-9-6-21-12 _____

17-21-5-5-14 _____

5-19-20-8-5-18 _____

20-9-13-5 _____

24-5-18-24-5-19 _____

16-1-12-1-3-5 _____

MORDECAI	CROWN	BRAVE	KING	BEAUTIFUL
QUEEN	ESTHER	TIME	XERXES	PALACE



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Circle the hidden words in the puzzle below,

I B V C X R A B Y Z A Y N Z F
K N O E D O B E A U T I F U L
A W T U E Y R O L G N G G Z Z
G T H D S T Z P C C Q K L Z F
V B Z G T B P H U F H U F C A
H Y N Z H W L Q S R M T E R S
O I S A E Z E E Q F K L D E T
K Z M A R X X E T I J Z W M N
M L O F C R X Y P M T R A A R
O A R F E K T N Y K Q Q T D K
U V D X C I C S D V F W Q O F
R J E L T X W L Z E D Z E P E
N M C O V E F U O I A T Y T Z
F F A R J P A N D T A T S E Q
O A I P A L A C E G H J H D D

ADOPTED
GATE
FAST

PALACE
MOURN
XERXES

ESTHER
KING
DEATH

JEWS
WEEP
MORDECAI

BEAUTIFUL
QUEEN
SACKCLOTH