

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church**  
**Kids' Worship Bulletin**  
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**Communion Sunday**

**Count the Stars**



*Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars if you can count them. He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Genesis 15:5 CEB*

God made a promise to faithful Abram. God told Abram that he and his wife would have a child and that their family would members as there are stars in the sky.

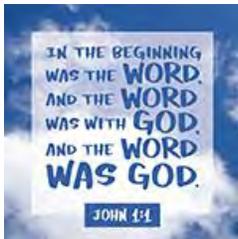


someday have as many



To dig deeper into this story, turn to page 2 of this bulletin. There, you will also find instructions on what you should do with the star stickers attached to this bulletin.

**Where in the Word is the Word?**



The Word can mean many things:



The Word = God's messages for God's

The Word = Jesus, God's Son

The Word = The Bible, the story of God's

The Word = A sermon or homily spoken



people

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Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

<b>Book of the Bible</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Verses</b>
Genesis	15	1-6
Hebrews	11	1-3, 8-16



**Star Struck**



Pastor Austin has chosen "Star Struck" as the title for her sermon today.

- I wonder what it means to be "star struck?"
- I wonder why Pastor Austin chose that title?

When was the last time you went outside at night



and looked up to see the stars?



Have you ever tried to count the number

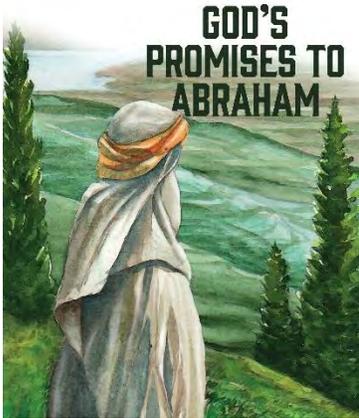
of stars in the sky?

I wonder if you have ever used a telescope.

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**Digging Deeper into our Bible Story**

Sometimes, we need a little more information to help us understand a story. Today's story from the Old Testament book of Genesis makes more sense if you know a little background:



God told Abraham (Abram) to pack up his family and leave his home for “a land I will show you.” God also promised Abraham and Sarah that although they were already really old they would have a son and that son would have children and those children would have children until there was a huge family that “would bless all the earth.”

With these two promises Sarah and Abraham packed up all their stuff, said good-bye to their family and friends, knowing they'd probably never see them again, and started out across the wilderness.

God gave them one thing they could see as a reminder of the promise – all of the stars in the sky! God told them, “Try to count to stars in the sky. You can't, can you? Your family will one day have as many children in it as there are stars in the sky.”

Abraham and Sarah kept moving and waited for the baby God promised. It was hard to keep believing it was true. When they were 100 years old and were told that Sarah would have the baby that year, Sarah laughed. As God promised, Sarah gave birth to a son and she happily named him Isaac which means “Laughter”.

Abraham and Sarah dearly loved Isaac and they wondered about the children and grandchildren he would have. They died before they ever got to meet any of those children or grandchildren. While they were alive, they never owned the land God promised to their family and they never saw more of the huge family that was to have as many people as stars in the sky. Still, they still believed it would come. They knew it deep inside themselves. They counted on it. They lived like it was true.

Abraham and Sarah trusted God and trusted God's promises.<sup>1</sup>

Did you know YOU are one of the members of Abraham and Sarah's huge family? You are like one of the stars they looked at in the sky. All of us, ALL OF US, are part of that family.

**After church today, share the star stickers (attached to this bulletin) with other people. You can say, “You are part of God's big family just like me,” when you give your stars away.**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Worshipping with Children Blogspot*, Carolyn Brown, June 20, 2016

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## What is Communion and what do we do?

### *What is it?*

Communion is a time of sharing and remembering. In our church, we invite all those who love and trust Jesus to participate in communion. Jesus shared special meals with his friends and disciples, but the most special meal he shared with them was the night before he died.

Jesus wanted his disciples to have a special way of remembering him, so when they had their meal, Jesus told his followers the bread was to help them remember his body and that the wine (juice from grapes) was to help them remember his blood.



We still have this special remembering meal today and we call it Communion. The bread reminds us Jesus was a living person with a body and we “break” the bread to remember Jesus. The juice reminds us Jesus died for us; he died on a cross, so we remember Jesus’ blood, like the dark juice we drink. Communion is a meal of remembering.



“Given  
for  
you.”

Our pastors help us to understand this by the words they say. You can follow along in the bulletin to help you know what to say and do..

### *What do I do with this little cup thing?*

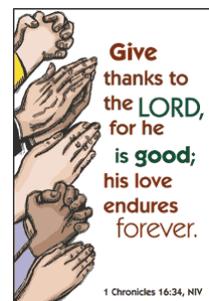
Listen for our pastor’s instructions on when to peel back the plastic on the top of the cup. The wafer is right under the clear plastic, so do that first. Peel back the next layer to drink the grape juice. We wait for everyone else to be served and then follow the pastor’s example on when we eat the bread and drink the juice. When you are finished, you should put the plastic cup in the holding place in the pew – near the bible and hymnal.



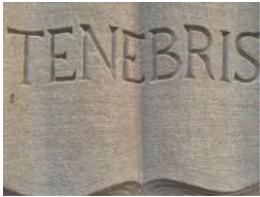
### *What do I do during the quiet time?*

If you are done before other people, you can listen to the music. This is also a great time to pray. You can say thankful prayers or you can tell God you are sorry for things you may have done that were not the best choices. God listens to our prayers.

When we have finished sharing this special meal of remembering, we all say the Lord’s Prayer together and then sing a hymn or song of praise to thank God for giving us Jesus.



## Are you paying attention? BINGO!

<p>Someone wearing a nametag</p>		<p>How many stars do you count on the front of the worship bulletin? _____</p>		<p>A person wearing sandals</p>
	<p>From what bible books do today's scripture readings come? _____ and _____</p>		<p>The choir sings a song about keeping something, "trimmed and burning." What is it? _____</p>	
<p>Other than Dr. Mark Anderson, who else composed THREE pieces of music used in today's service? _____</p>		<p>Free Space</p>  <p>Sacrament of Communion</p>		<p>What is the name of the artist who created the worship bulletin's cover artwork? _____</p>
	<p>You join in praying The Lord's Prayer</p>		<p>You give away star stickers to at least two other people</p>	
<p>Someone cleaning or removing their eyeglasses</p>		<p>A person with a ponytail</p>		<p>List 3 names Pastor Austin says in her sermon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>

Place an X in the box when you hear or see the thing mentioned or pictured during the service this morning. Write the answers on the lines provided for the questions.

See Ms. Jamie Shipley downstairs after worship to choose a prize for trying to complete the BINGO card. You may choose a prize even for just trying.