"Shining Hope" by Lauren Wright Pittman (2016)

January 1, 2023
Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" *arr. James Pethel*
Linda Vollweiler, organist

WELCOME Rev. Doodle Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kili Wenburg

Jesus said, "I am the light of the World!"
Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness.
We have seen the star that announces the glory of God.
May all nations of the earth be guided by the light.

*HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful" 133
Song Leader Dr. Amanda Boyd

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you send Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries of justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with your spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With Joy, I declare that the grace of God is with us all.
The gospel light shines in every place, even in our sins.
There is no place too dark for the compassion of Christ.
With Joy, I declare that the grace of God is with us all.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you!
(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ)

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In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Kili Wenburg

TIME WITH CHILDREN Doodle Harris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christ, you are the true light of the world. Help us to see and understand your Word through the inspiration and Compassion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *Gesu Bambino*
Dr. Amanda Boyd

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Walk in the Light" Rev. Doodle Harris

*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 377

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

OFFERTORY "First Noel/Silent Night" *arr. Mike Garrison*
Sarah Wolf, flute, and Mary Plock, piano

For the health and safety of our members and visitors, we will not pass a plate during the offering. You are invited to give by placing your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary as you leave, by visiting our website https://fpchastings.org/give-online/ or by scanning the QR code to give on-line using your credit card.

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*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, your Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. In gratitude for the tangible gift of your grace in the person of Jesus Christ, we give back to you these tangible gifts of our resources and our time. Bless them and use them to spread the light of Christ to all who long for that light of hope. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World" 127

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE
The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

*POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *arr. Stanley E. Saxton*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30 AM – CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL WITH COMMUNION
9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY WITH COMMUNION

January 1, 2023

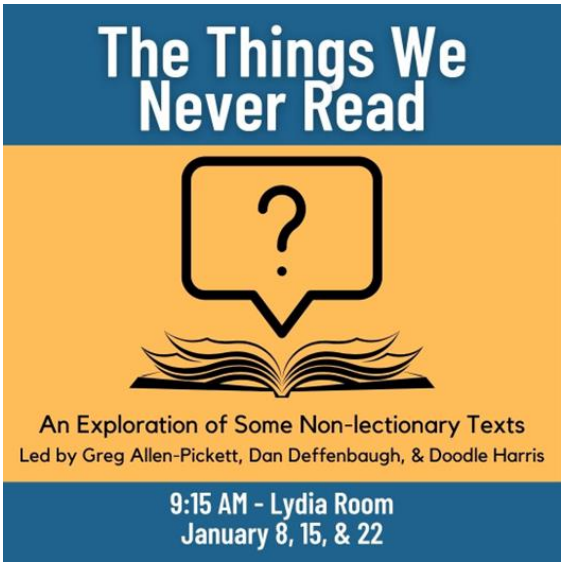
THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Gretchen and Hal Lainson for their anniversary by the Lainson family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. Robert Butz; and also in memory of Gretchen and Hal Lainson for their wedding anniversary by the Lainson family.

Ushers: (Team #5) Captain-Ken Stein, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

January Greeters

JANUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1	Erica & Brent Brooks	Daveta & Dick Brader
8	Lesa & Steve Cropley	Melissa Davis
15	Karen & Roger Doerr	Andrew Barrows
22		Vonda Essex
29	Linda & Richard Johnson	



Sunday 1/1	10:30am	Traditional Worship	In-person/Facebook/Radio
Monday 1/2		**Church Office Closed**	
Tuesday 1/3	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room/Zoom
	5:30pm-6:30pm	United Harvest	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 1/4	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir room
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 1/5	5;30pm-6:30pm	Christian Ed Meeting	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
Friday 1/6	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 1/8	8:30am-9:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7PM	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various

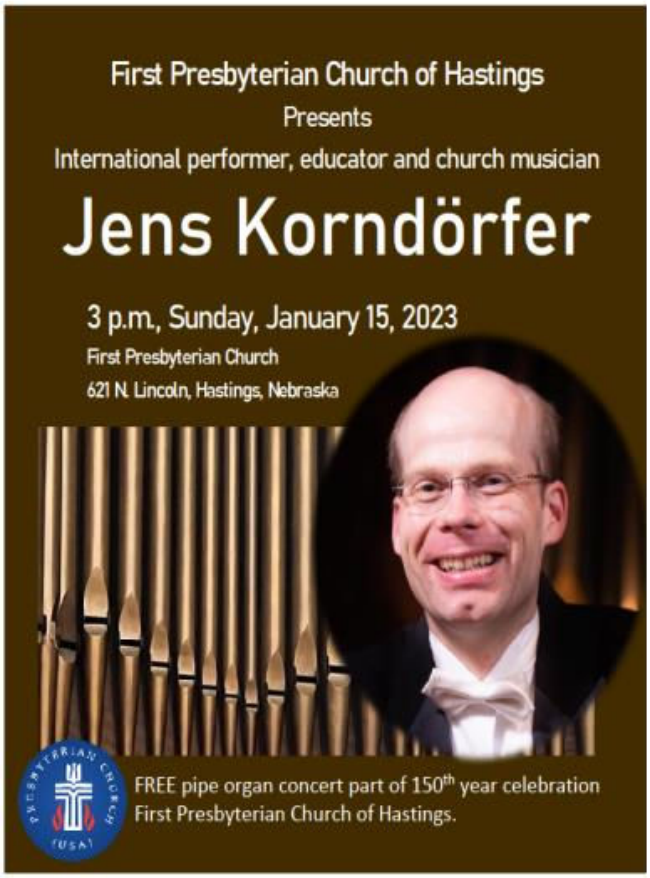
PRAYERS FOR

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling
Stephen Gass
Bev Stein
Greg Howard
Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Family of Sharon Harvey
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
Roberta Lloyd and family

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Family of Ken Fike
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Family of Michael Hahne
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
James Freetly & Laura Ferdinand
Jenni Bauer
Sally Smith

In loving memory of

Ken Fike, who passed away on 11/5/22
Sharon Harvey, who passed away on 12/7/22
Michael Hahne, who passed away on 12/20/22



Volunteer Tax Preparers Needed

A Free Tax Preparation Clinic will be taking place in Hastings for several days in January and February to help families complete their taxes and we need volunteer Tax Preparers! No experience is needed and you will receive training to help people complete simple returns. This is a rewarding opportunity to volunteer for 5-20 hours over one or several days to help families receive Tax Credits they are eligible for. Contact Brady at 402-461-8417 or complete this form for more information: https://bit.ly/VITAHastings

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