

The Chapel of St. John of the Mountains
December 6th, CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
The Fifteenth Worship Service of 2020

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Cindy

Hymn of Heritage: "Among Majestic Mountains" Jim Tyrrell

"Among majestic mountains, Beside this singing stream.
Within Thy house, our Father, We tarry and we dream.
We pray, we sing, we listen, and hear Thy still, small voice,
We feel renewed in spirit, and for this church rejoice.
O living God, eternal! Keep in our hearts a dream
Of these majestic mountains, This singing, tree-girt stream."

Our Call to Worship: (From Isaiah 9) Pastor Cindy

Hymn of Gathering: # 111 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love;
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in the world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

We Worship God in Prayer: Together

Spoken Prayer Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer using Debts: Together

Our Response in Prayer: # #282 "Give Thanks"

"Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the
Holy One, give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am
Rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give Thanks! Give Thanks!"

We Worship God by Giving: Pastor Cindy

Share your finances to support the Chapel in our various ministries.
(Your gifts and offerings please. Your tithes go to your home church.)

Please mail your gifts and offerings to
Treasurer Judy Rodgers, PO Box 762 Campton, NH 03223

We Worship God by Listening: Pastor Cindy

Children's Story: "Love Came Down at Christmas"

*We Worship in Scripture, in Song, and In Reflection:

Rev. Russell C. Petrie

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-11

114 "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind,
To you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town, this day Is born of David's line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign,
And this shall be the sign."

"The heav'nly babe you there shall find To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid,
And in a manger laid,"

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song,
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;
Good will hence-forth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease,
Begin and never cease!"

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:13-16

135 "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round Yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:17-19

A Solo: "Mary Did You Know?" Jim Tyrrell

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:20
138 "What Child Is This?"

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? **R**

**R This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. **R**
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. **R**

Scripture Lesson: Micah 5:2-5
104 "Joy to the World"

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing"

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the
curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love and Wonders, wonders of His love. AMEN

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 42:10&13
110 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

**R Go, Tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is Born!**

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Be-
Hold through-out the heavens There shone a holy light. **R**

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The Chapel of St. John of the Mountains Ellsworth Hill Road Ellsworth, New Hampshire



Welcome to the Christmas Service of Chapel of St. John of the Mountains. The Chapel was founded by The Rev. Roger P. Cleveland in 1940, this place of worship, mission and fellowship is a "house of prayer for all people." Our fellowship is not dependent on identity of theological opinion. Nor on outward circumstances, nor on denominational name, but a common loyalty to Jesus Christ, a common passion to serve the world, and a common purpose to do justly, to love mercy, and a desire to walk humbly with our God."

This statement was made by Roger P. Cleveland and as we worship today this has not changed.

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I would fill my heart with love No evil would remain;
I would so speak to other men I could not cause them pain;
I would so live each day, and hour, And with my fellows plod,
That they could see my source of strength— And know I walk with God.

I would so labor at my tasks My time would be well-spent,
And in whatever place I am—There would I be content;
I would forgive, forget, and smile; I would unceasing pray,
And I would trust my fellow men And let God have His way.

By Roger P Cleveland

The Founder of St. John of the Mountains

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The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the earth Rang
out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. **R**

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And
God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. **R**

Benediction: Pastor Cindy

Organ Postlude: Jim Tyrrell

Today Rev. Russell C. Petrie, M.Div. Pastor of the Campton
Congregational Church will bring the message. Please stay and visit on
Zoom and Facebook following the service.

God Willing, our next worship service will be held on
Sunday, June 20, 2020; Fathers' Day. Again, God Willing, we will
meet at our wonderful Chapel nestled between the hills of Ellsworth,
More information will follow.

**We will continue our Thursday Morning Prayer and
Fellowships at 10:00 a.m. on December 10th, 17th, and 24th.** Please
join us on Zoom and on our Facebook Group Page to share in Prayer and
Fellowship. We gather to support each other as we enjoy one another's
company in this time of face to face separation. Pastor Cindy will send
you an invitation if you have not received one, just send her your e-mail
address.

Pastor Cindy is available to pray with and/or for you and your
needs; to answer your questions about our Lord; or simply to talk with
you. Please contact her by text on cell 603-515-6684 or at her home by
voice 603-539-7064. She is available all year.

Chapel Officers and Staff

- Pastor: Rev. Cynthia B. Petrie, M.Div.
- Moderator: Mr. A. David Jaques
- Treasurer: Mrs. Judy M. Rodgers
- Clerk: Rev. Russell C. Petrie
- Board of the Chapel Members: Bing Rodgers, Al and Diane Bucharelli
- Organist: Jim Tyrrell

Keep Christmas in Your Heart

By Roger Pecke Cleveland

Keep Christmas in your heart.
God gave this holy festival that
We might know His love.

He sent a baby to be born on earth
Within a humble barn—yet wise men
Forsook their studies and journeyed far
That they might learn of him.

And Shepherds left their tasks
Amid the chilling winds on barren hills
That they might adore a Holy Child
Whom Angel choruses announced.

At times we need to leave our studies
And our tasks.

We need to leave our subtle doubts
And fears and make a pilgrimage, within
Our souls, to ancient Bethlehem.

May God, this night, His great faith impart
That we may keep this Christmas
In our hearts.

