



*Welcome to the Morning Service at
St. John's*

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CANTERBURY WAY, WIDEOPEN
NE13 6JQ

(Uniting churches of Ponteland and Wideopen)

8th December 2024

St John's Mission Statement:

AS PART OF GOD'S FAMILY, WE STRIVE TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO ALL FOR
THE GLORY OF GOD



Visitors and members of St John's:

Welcome to St John's United Reformed Church.
We hope that you will enjoy sharing worship with us.

10:45am Morning Worship

Service led by: Rev'd Philip Gray
Organist: Stewart Blake

Introductory Music:

INTROIT

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here:
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

WELCOME and NOTICES

CALL to WORSHIP

Hymn: R&S 162: "In the bleak mid winter"

PRAYERS of APPROACH and CONFESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONSECRATION of OFFERTORY

Bible Readings: [Malachi 3: 1-4](#)
[Philippians 1: 3-11](#)

Hymn: R&S 159: "Hark the herald angels sing"

Gospel Reading: [Luke 1: 57-79](#)

Hymn: R&S 740: "Tell out my soul"

SERMON

Hymn: "The stable door"

Open wide the stable door,
Monarchs rich and shepherds poor
Wait to tread the holy floor
Where lies the Son of God.

See, they bring Him gifts of gold,
Tender lambs from Judah's fold,
As with awe their eyes behold
The infant Son of God.

I am not a wealthy King,
Naught have I for offering.
E'en a lamb I cannot bring
To give Thee, Son of God.

Yet I would be at Thy side
And the door is open wide!
What can empty hands provide,
Oh, what, Thou Son of God.

Not without can I remain,
Not my heart's deep urge restrain,
Trembling 'neath my love and pain,
I come, dear Son of God.

Now I bow me at Thy stall,
Giftless, yet I give Thee all;
Thou art the Lord, and I am thrall
To Thee, O Son of God!

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Hymn: R&S 160:

“O come all ye faithful”

BLESSING

When you are perplexed, may you find space to reflect.
When you are fearful may you find friends and safety.
When you are weighed down may you find strength to endure.
And above all, may the Spirit fill your heart with Mary's song of joy.
So that the blessing God has for you finds its home in your hearts this day.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL AMEN

Notices for the Week

Tue 10th Dec 7.00pm Salvation Army Concert (followed by faith supper)

Thur 12th Dec 7.30pm Cafe Church, Parkside

Fri 13th Dec 7.15pm St John's Singers Rehearsal

Sun 15th Dec 10.45am Youth Organisations Christmas Service
Led by Hannah Middleton and Mike Hawkins



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