

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — #115

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in expectation, for the

Light is breaking through.

People: We come with gratitude, for God has

come near.

Leader: The Lord has remembered His

promise.

People: And in Christ, hope has taken on

flesh.

Leader: Let us draw near with thanksgiving.

People: For gratitude will draw us near to the

King.

All: Come, Lord Jesus. We are ready to

receive You. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Marrell Wheeler

Collect for Advent I

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. As we enter this holy season, stir up in us a spirit of gratitude that draws us near to Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in great humility and will come again in power and great glory.

Through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament — Markell Wheeler Epistle — Toh'Manih Waggoner

Gospel — Rev. Dr. Omaran D. Lee, I

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Recognition

The Apostles' 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermonic Selection

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Sermon

"Gratitude Will Draw You Near" — Rev. Dr. Omaràn D. Lee, I

Talkback Questions

- What drew you toward Jesus this week?
- How does gratitude shape your worship?
- Where is gratitude calling you to move?

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Holy Communion
Offering

Benediction & Closing Doxology