

**Bible Meditation —Luke 1:1–4, Dedication to Theophilus
Also read John 1:1–5**

Find a quiet place, alone and apart from distractions. Be comfortably alert, still, and at peace. Say the Lord's Prayer. Sing or cant the Jesus Prayer. Pray for family, friends, neighbors, and yourself. Slowly and carefully read the passage of Scripture.

1. Luke, the only Gospel written by a Gentile, a physician acquainted with that Roman/Greek world.
2. Scholars note three characteristics of the Gospel account: **one**, it is universal in that it includes Gentiles; **two**, it is a Gospel of rejoicing; three, it is written for the “down and out.”
3. In addition, that are six other unique features to Luke: **one**, it is dependent on Mark's Gospel, since Luke is thought to have had access to Mark's story of Jesus, which was written about 20 years earlier; **two**, Luke likely used what is known as Q, which material not found in Mark but is found in Matthew and Luke; **three**, there are oral stories, not found in either Matthew or Mark—the nativity account and the childhood stories of Jesus, probably communicated to Luke by Mary, the mother of Jesus; **four**, Luke is the women's Gospel; **five**, it is the Gospel of the supernatural; **six**, it is the Gospel of prayer.
4. Luke 1:1–4 is one long sentence, cleverly crafted, containing six clauses.
5. Theophilus, to whom the Gospel is directed, is unknown to us. Some think that Luke addresses his Gospel to all who are friends or lovers of God. Theo—the Greek word for God; philus—for friend or lover. Whether Theophilus is an actual person is unknown, but this Gospel is for us all.
6. The reason for the reading of John 1:1–5 is because this Gospel is also aimed at Gentiles living in the Graeco-Roman world.
7. It is important to grasp what is meant by the word translated into English as Word, which in the Greek is *logos*. In the world at that time the term was not clearly defined but was used by religionists and philosophers to refer to the highest of that which is supernatural.
8. Key to the understanding of Logos is that the “*was*” word is a verb of being and is without a specification for time. Thus, *was* can and should be translated “*was and is*.”
9. This Logos *was and is* at the beginning, meaning *was and is* before the creation of the universe. The Logos *was and is* with God, and here we encounter one of the mysteries of the Trinity. This Logos *was and is* God—then and now.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #572 Blessed Assurance

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: Seasons change, nations rise and fall, the years come and go, another generation is growing up,

People: BUT JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

Leader: Jesus is, in our own day, seeking the lost and lonely.

People: HIM WE PROCLAIM, HE IS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WHOM WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING, YOUR GENEROUS GOODNESS COMES TO US ANEW EVERY DAY. BY THE WORK OF YOUR SPIRIT LEAD US TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GOODNESS, GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BENEFITS, AND SERVE YOU IN WILLING OBEDIENCE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1–5, 20:30–31; Colossians 4:7–11

Memory Verse: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

Reflection: Can we grasp the full content of the WORD?

Choruses: “I Will Enter His Gates” and “There’s Just Something about that Name”
“I Kinda Like the Christian Way of Life” (Kent solo)

Offertory Theme: Giving—an expression of love.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays. Today after service: quarterly congregational meeting for consideration of the 2022 budget.

Bible Exposition—Colossians 4:7–11(Doug)

Hymn: #688 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sermon—Luke 1:1–4 and John 1:1–5 (Kent)

Notes:

Benediction Song:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they will know
we are Christians by our love.

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

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TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog,
Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal,
and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

Did you know?

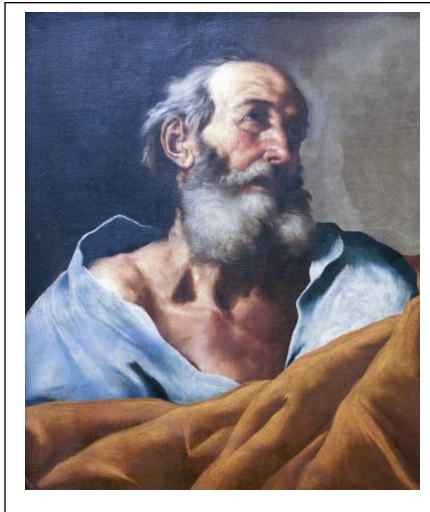
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio,
Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org





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- John Konieczko** – Eastern Pastor

← “Saint Luke the Evangelist” by Pacecco de Rosa (1607–1656) at Museum of Capodimonte

WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30am–12:00pm
Lunch and Collegium (<i>next to last Sunday</i>)	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship (<i>via Zoom for episodes of “The Chosen” + discussion</i>) IF THERE IS INTEREST	5:00pm–6:30pm
TUESDAY	
Bible Study via Zoom (currently on Kent’s book, <i>Christian Basics</i>)	6:00–7:00pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:00pm–8:30pm
SATURDAY	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	11:00am–1:00pm

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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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 trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

✂ Please tear off and fill out card. Place in offering basket or give to church staff member.

Today’s Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other _____

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study
- Pastor's class on Deliverance
- Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Oct. 31:** Sermon= Luke 1:5–25 (Jim)
Expo= Colossians 4:12–18 (Monty)
- Nov. 7:** Sermon= Luke 1:26–38 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 1:1–5 (Katie)
- Nov. 14:** Sermon= Luke 1:39–56 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 1:6–10 (Vern)

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Evening Service:

Currently watching episodes of "The Chosen" (via Zoom) with discussion following.

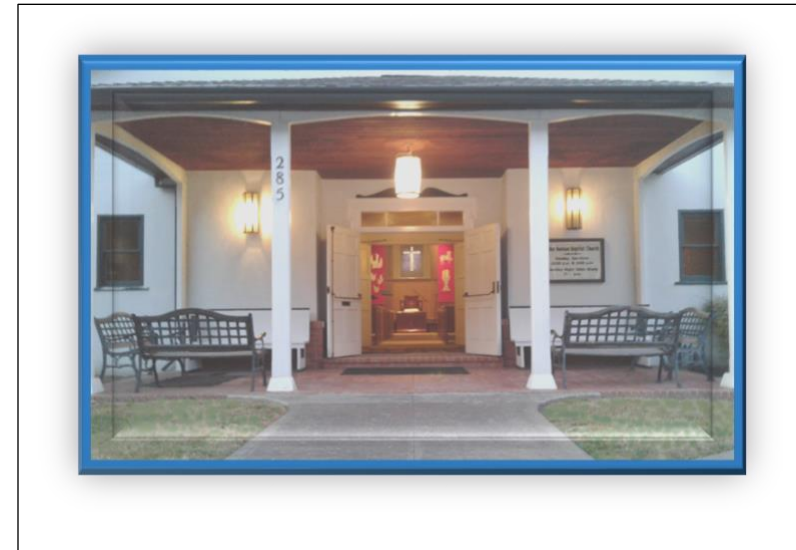
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Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

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TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM
Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM
The Rabbi/Shaman/Wiccan and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:	
Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for October	\$2,101



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
(Romans 1:16)*

Welcome!

October 24, 2021

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"