

Bible Meditation —Luke 1:5–25, Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

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. Herod the Great, born 74 BC, ruled Judea, Samaria, Galilee, and more until his death in 4 BC. About one year earlier, Zechariah, the husband of Elizabeth (and both were righteous before God) was serving as priest at the Temple in Jerusalem as he was assigned to do two weeks out of the year. It was his most solemn honor to burn incense.
2. While Zechariah conducted this task an angel of the LORD appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. The angel said that Zechariah's prayer had been heard and that he and wife Elizabeth, who were past the age of childbearing, would give birth to a son.
3. This son would be a Nazarite, meaning he would live a very disciplined life and largely away from others.
4. This son would be filled with the Holy Spirit from his very birth and would proceed and announce the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah.
5. Zechariah was concerned and stated that he and his wife were advanced in years. The angel then stated his name, Gabriel, and that Zechariah would not be able to speak (perhaps even be deaf), since Zechariah did not believe his words.
6. However, Elizabeth did conceive and hid herself for five months, and for her it meant the end of her being looked down upon, since this was how a woman was treated who could not conceive.
7. She knew that this was from the Lord and thus is recognized as the first woman to confess Jesus as Lord.
7. Apparently, both Zechariah and Elizabeth died before their son John, to be known as the Baptist, began his ministry in the desert.

Notes:

TWENTY-THIRD 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: #300 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: We are here to worship the Lord our God.

People: WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE THE SON OF GOD WHO SHED HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS.

Leader: We ask the Holy Spirit to apply these great truths to our hearts and minds, because...

People: OTHERWISE, THEY WILL SEEM FOOLISH AND STRANGE TO US.

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, INCREASE IN US THE GIFTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY; AND, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN WHAT YOU PROMISE, HELP US LOVE WHAT YOU COMMAND; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 6:1–4; Isaiah 40:3–5; Malachi 4:5–6; Luke 1:5–25; Colossians 4:12–18

Memory Verse: "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news." (Luke 1:19)

Reflection: "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

Choruses: “Surely Goodness and Mercy” and “This Little Light of Mine”
“One Name” (Kent solo)

Offertory Theme: We give because we have received.

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 (weather should be good this time).

Bible Exposition—Colossians 4:12–18 (Monty)

Hymn: #562 Be Thou My Vision

Sermon—Luke 1:5–15 Birth of John the Baptist Foretold (Jim)

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’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll 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!

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

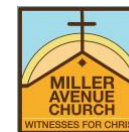
Did you know?

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

← David Amito (John) and Jonathan Roumie (Jesus) for episode 5 of “The Chosen”

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:**

- 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)
- Nov. 21:** Sermon= Luke 1:57–80 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 1:11–24 (Nate)

Evening Service:

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

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.

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

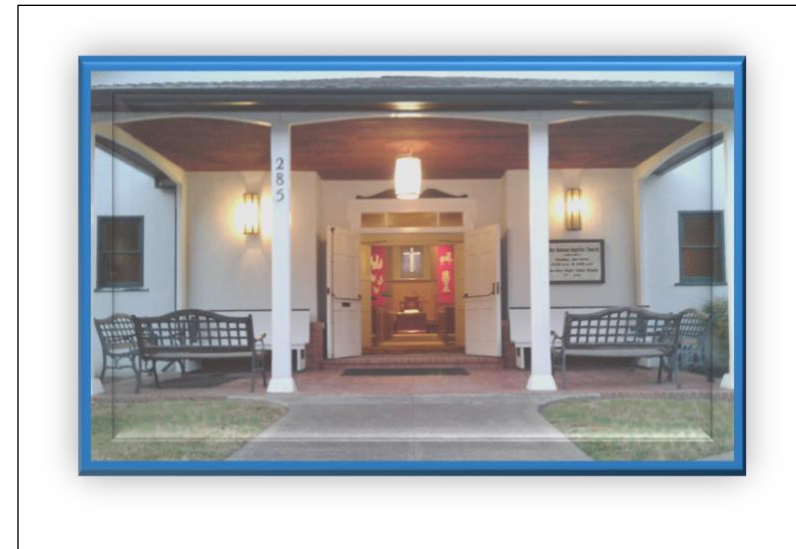
Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM

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	\$2,230



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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 31, 2021

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