

Bible Meditation —Luke 1:26–38, Birth of Jesus 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. The ancient passages of Genesis 3:15 and Daniel 2:44, along with a multitude of others in the Hebrew Bible, both present and foretell an event that is far more than astonishing or even believable—the birth of the Son of the Most High to a young virgin girl, who is a 'commoner' in every way.
2. There is nothing in Scripture to commend the virgin except that she is a "favored one." Here we see grace in a most incredible way.
3. Mary herself is not without sin, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, as Paul asserts in Romans 3:23. Still she is the "favored one."
4. Gabriel, an angel, meaning a messenger of God, is dispatched to a small town of no account in Galilee named Nazareth. Excavations show it was an agricultural area. Gabriel comes to Mary and greets her. He (angels are neither male nor female) then tells Mary she will give birth to a child.
5. Mary questions the possibility of her having a child, since she is a virgin though betrothed to a man. (The actual marriage would occur later according to custom.)
6. The child born to her will be "holy," even the very child of God. Plus, he will be the result of a miraculous birth.
7. Mary has a cousin named Elizabeth, who is now six months pregnant, and miraculously so, with John who will be called "The Baptist." It is almost an invitation to visit her.
8. Gabriel discloses this fact to Mary so that she knows that nothing is impossible with God.
9. Mary does not question or argue with Gabriel; she simply declares that she is a "servant" of the Lord. We note the word servant is *doulos* in the Greek and means slave.

Notes:

TWENTY-FOURTH 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: #87 Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: We come apart now from that which is ordinary to that which is sacred. Here now we enjoy the fellowship that is ours in Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the worship and praise of the LORD our God. To God be the glory.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

LORD, WHEN THE DAY OF WRATH COMES, WE HAVE NO HOPE EXCEPT IN YOUR GRACE. MAKE US SO TO WATCH FOR THE LAST DAYS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF OUR HOPE MAY BE THE JOY OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 7:8–17; Matthew 1:18–25; Galatians 1:1–5

Memory Verses: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

and

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed... (Daniel 2:44a)

Reflection: Christianity is nothing new!

Choruses: “Now Unto the King Eternal” and “I Go to the Rock”
“Cool Water” (Kent solo)

Offertory Theme: Giving: part of the cost of following Jesus.

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.

Bible Exposition—Galatians 1:1–5 “Greetings” (Katie)

Hymn: #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon—Luke 1:26–38 Birth of Jesus Foretold (Kent)

Notes:

The Lord’s Supper: Celebrating the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus

The Confessional: “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The Jesus Prayer: (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

The Confirmation: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

The Assurance: “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

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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Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, links to our videos, 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)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV



Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** - Senior Pastor
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- Jim Daley** - Associate Pastor
- Doug Fairclough** - Associate Pastor
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- John Konieczko** – Eastern Pastor

← “The Annunciation” by Frederick James Shields, 1894

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 (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- 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
- Nov. 28:** Sermon= Luke 2:1–7 (Jim)
Expo= Galatians 2:1–18 (Daniel)

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	\$3,254



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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!

November 7, 2021

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