

Mary Visits Elizabeth & The Magnificat
Luke 1:39–56

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. Mary and Elizabeth, cousins and descendants of the tribe of Judah, through whom the Messiah must come, both give birth, and both miraculously.
2. Elizabeth, in her old age, will give birth to a male child who will be called John, and later, John the Baptist.
3. Mary will give birth to Jesus, Y'shuah, or Joshua, who is the promised seed of Genesis 3:15 and who will triumph over the seed of the serpent—indeed, who is the Messiah or Christ.
4. Just after conception, Mary travels south to Judea to visit her relative Elizabeth, who authenticates what has happened to young Mary. Elizabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb when she heard Mary's greeting, surely a miraculous sign of encouragement to both women.
5. Mary, unquestionably filled with the Holy Spirit, then declares what is known as the "Magnificat," based on the first words Mary utters, when she "magnifies" the Lord, an expression of wonderment, praise, and thanksgiving.
6. The phrases "my soul" and "my spirit," are a typical parallelism, and here of profound amazement and praise.
7. Mary is acutely aware of her low status as a poor, young, female and bows before Her Maker's majesty.
8. Then, due to an incredible flash of inspiration, she grasps something of who this child is to whom she will give birth.
9. Despite the powerlessness and humbleness of her circumstance, the fulfillment of what had been revealed to the prophets of old, especially to Abraham, will come true.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Prophecy Candle

The Prophecy Candle opens the waiting period that anticipates Christmas and honors those who first spoke of the promise of the coming of the Christ. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Is. 9:2

Reading of Isaiah 7:10-14

Christmas Hymn: # 33 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

People:

ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE ABLE TO CELEBRATE THE SINGLE GREAT EVENT, GOD COMING TO BE WITH US. HOW BLESSED WE ARE TO DO SO. WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH WE WILL PRAISE AND WORSHIP THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, AND BE HERE WITH US. PROTECT US BY YOUR STRENGTH AND SAVE US FROM THE THREATENING DANGERS OF OUR SINS, FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Micah 7:18–20; Galatians 2:1–10; Titus 3:3–7

Memory Verse: In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Luke 1:39–40)

Reflection: No other faith centers on two women.

Choruses: “I Will Enter His Gates” and “Jude’s Doxology”

Offertory Theme: Giving: an expression of thanksgiving.

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, etc.

Bible Exposition—Galatians 2:1–10 “Paul accepted by the apostles” (Daniel)

Christmas Hymn: # 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon—Mary Visits Elizabeth & The Magnificat: Luke 1:38–56 (Kent)

Notes:

Benediction Song: # 243 Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us; His Name is called Emmanuel.
(repeat)

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.

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

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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← “Visitation” by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448–1494)

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**

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:**

- Dec. 5:** Sermon= Luke 1:39–56 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 2:11–14 (Doug)
- Dec. 12:** Sermon= Luke 1:57–80 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 2:15–21 (Vern)
- Dec. 19:** Sermon= Luke 2:1–7 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 3:1–9 (Katie)

Evening Service:

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

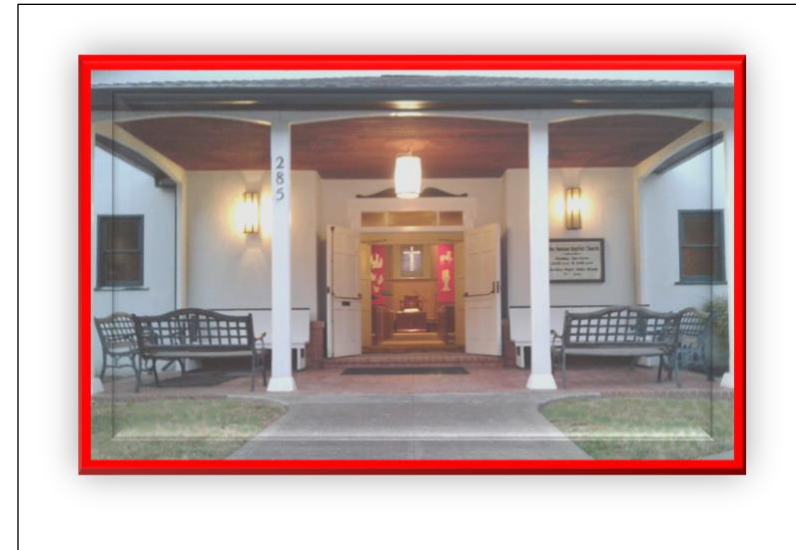
Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

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 November	\$1,927



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!

November 28, 2021

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