

Jesus Presented at the Temple & The Return to Nazareth
Luke 2:22–40

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. Joseph and Mary follow the directions given in the Law of Moses for the child Jesus and His mother, Mary.
2. While at the Temple, the family meets Simeon, who has been waiting for the fulfillment of the promises regarding the Messiah found in the Hebrew Bible.
3. By direction of the Holy Spirit, he locates the little family, takes baby Jesus in his arms, and issues the last of the "songs" in Luke, the Nunc Dimittus, meaning "mission now completed."
4. In the first part of the song, he knows his mission is complete, as he has seen the Lord's salvation, which is Jesus.
5. This salvation will be not only for the Jews but for Gentiles as well. Then Simeon describes the ministry of Jesus as being for the "fall and rising of many," and for a "sign that is opposed." We see this being fulfilled now.
6. Then he speaks about a "sword" that will pierce through Mary as well, an indication of what will happen to baby Jesus, thus the crucifixion and death of Mary's son.
7. Then, as a second testimony comes Anna, a devout woman 84 years old, who provides another witness to Joseph and Mary, and all who witnessed the event learned that the child Jesus was the "redemption of Jerusalem," another way of referring to the coming Messiah and His ministry.
8. The little family then heads back home to Nazareth where baby Jesus will grow and become strong.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Leader:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

[Hymn # 686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past \(5v\)](#)

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

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

Leader: In remembrance of yesterday's gifts,
in thankfulness for today's dawning,
and for the hope we have in our future,
let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE FILLED US WITH THE NEW LIGHT OF THE WORD WHO BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US. LET THE LIGHT OF OUR FAITH SHINE IN ALL THAT WE DO; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 13:1–2; Leviticus 12:1–8; Isaiah 49:1–6; 52:7–10; Galatians 3:15–20

Memory Verse: And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:34–35

Reflection: Nothing has changed from that day to this.

Choruses: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” and “Woke Up This Morning”

Offertory Theme: Giving: not a good deed but obedience.

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. We will stay after service to take down decorations.

Bible Exposition—Galatians 3:15–20 “The Law and the Promise, part 1” (Daniel)

Hymn: # 788 Now Thank We All Our God (3v)

Sermon—Jesus Presented at the Temple — Luke 2:22–40 (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 Hymn: #408 How Firm a Foundation

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.

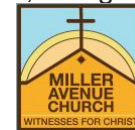
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Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





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← “Simeon and Anna in the Temple” by Rembrandt, 1628

WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30am–12:00pm
Snacks and Collegium (<i>next to last Sunday</i>)	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship (<i>In person & Zoomed starting January.</i>)	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:**

- Jan. 9:** Sermon= Luke 2:39–52 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 3:21–22 (Doug)
- Jan. 16:** Sermon= Luke 3:1–21 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 3:23–29 (Monty)
- Jan. 23:** Sermon= Luke 3:22–28 (Kent)
Expo= Galatians 4:1–7 (Katie)

Evening Service:

In person and Zoomed worship services resume soon. Stayed tuned for details.

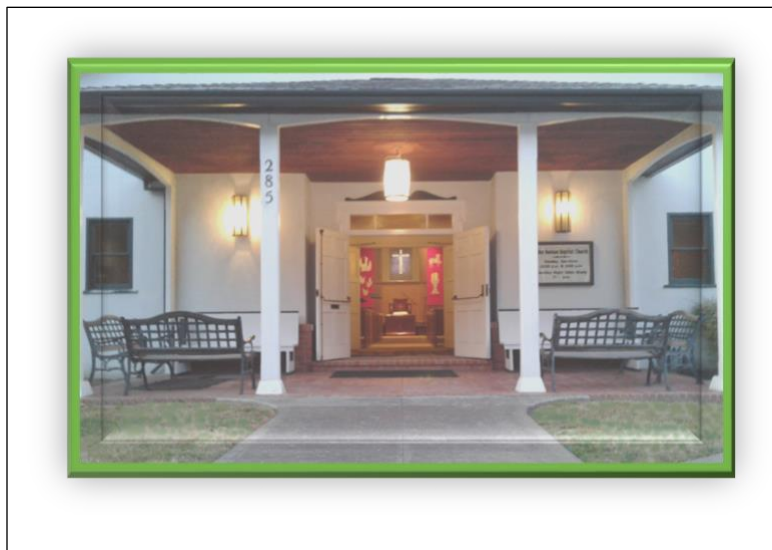
Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on cable 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 December \$5,549



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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!

January 2, 2022

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