

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

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. Faithful Jewish people were required to appear at the Temple in Jerusalem for Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles according to the Law of Moses, but in Jesus' day, this attendance had slackened.
2. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were faithful in their attendance, and it was not a simple trip in those days. It was likely that a group of friends and neighbors from Nazareth made the journey together.
3. Jesus is now age 12, a year short of his bar mitzvah, "son of the commandment." When His parents start on the return trip, it is not immediately discovered that He is not among the group.
4. Mary and Joseph rush back to Jerusalem in search of their child and find Him discussing theological issues with rabbis and other religious experts.
5. After a mild rebuke from Mother Mary, Jesus lets it be known that He has a growing understanding of who He is and what His mission is.
6. The words of Jesus in reply to Mary are very revealing, "I must be in my Father's House." Though Joseph is His legal father, He knows His real parentage is far different. Calling it "My Father's House," Jesus shows how large is His view of the Temple there in Jerusalem.
7. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus set out for the return home, and it is reported, likely by Mary directly to Luke, that He was "submissive" to them; Jesus was not a rebellious young man.
8. Mary "treasured up" all that she had witnessed, and all the while Jesus increased in "wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man."
9. Eighteen years would pass before the beginning of His public ministry.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Leader:

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

Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn # *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."

Leader:

God, the creator of all things needful for body and soul,
who refreshes us with the sparkling water of His creation,
and who washes away the grime and dust of everyday living,
invites us to come to the fountain of heaven,
to be washed in the baptism of forgiveness,
and to drink freely of the water of life.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

LORD GOD, ON THIS DAY YOU REVEALED YOUR SON TO THE NATIONS BY THE LEADING OF A STAR. LEAD US NOW BY FAITH TO KNOW YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES AND BRING US AT LAST TO THE FULL VISION OF YOUR GLORY, 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 12:1–15; Leviticus 23:4–8; Deuteronomy 16:1–8, 15–17; Luke 22: 14–20

Memory Verse: For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5:7b

Reflection: We continue to celebrate Passover

Choruses: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” and “Let Everybody Praise His Name”

Offertory Theme: Giving: a sign of spiritual maturity.

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 3:21–22 (Doug)

Hymn: # 690 He Leadeth Me (3v)

Sermon: “The Boy Jesus in the Temple” — Luke 2:41–52 (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.

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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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. 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)
- Jan. 30** Sermon= Luke 3:29–38 (Jim)
Expo= Galatians 4:8–11 (Vern)

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.

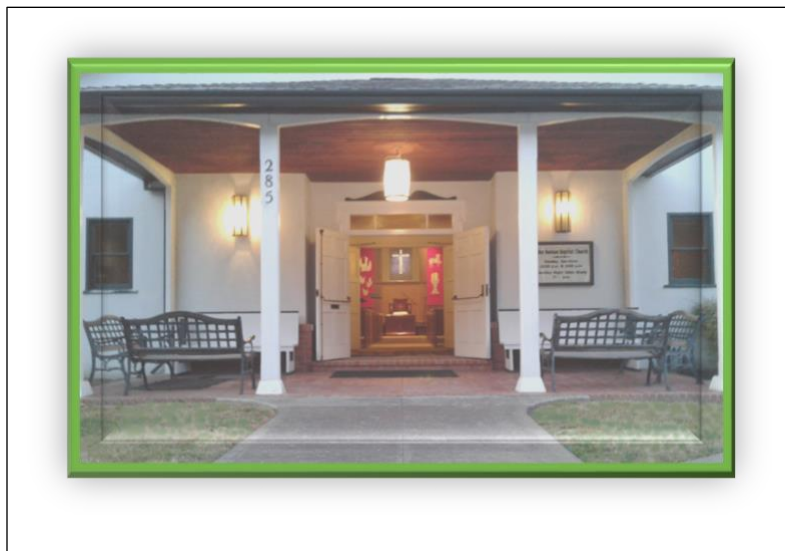
TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

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 January	\$1,370



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!

January 9, 2022

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