

## John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Luke 3:1–22

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. Around AD 26 or 27, while Tiberius was Caesar of Rome, John (known as the Baptist), the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, came declaring a baptism in water to prepare the way for the arrival of the Messiah. This was in accordance with the prophecies of Isaiah (40:3–5) and Malachi (3:1–4).
2. Crowds came to John, who moved from south to north up the Jordan River, and among them were faithful Jewish people, tax collectors, even Roman soldiers, and he called them “a brood of vipers.”
3. Some thought John might be the Christ, but John assured them he was not at all worthy to be such.
4. John stated his ministry was one of preparing the way for the coming of the actual Christ. Indeed, John baptized with water, an act of cleansing for Jewish people in that age, but proclaimed that the Messiah would baptize, or immerse, or dunk them into or with the Holy Spirit and fire.
5. However, the prophet John warned, the Christ would also come in judgment, burning the chaff with unquenchable fire—the reality of heaven and hell.
6. In addition to baptizing, John preached Good News to the people. But John had a powerful enemy, Herod Antipas, whom John had reproved for taking Herodias, the wife of his brother, as his own wife. Herod would one day arrest John and have him executed.
7. Jesus even came to John to be baptized, and at that point the Holy Spirit, in form or substance, descended upon Jesus, whereupon a voice announced from heaven, “You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.”

Notes:

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Leader:**

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

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**The Gloria Patri**

**Hymn # 215** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**Call to Worship:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Leader: Our strength is in our Lord, not in ourselves.

People: IN OUR WEAKNESS WE ARE STRONG.

Leader: We are made of clay, earthen vessels, children of Adam and Eve.

People: IT IS THE JOY OF THE LORD THAT IS OUR STRENGTH.

**Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer**

**Collect of the Day:**

LORD GOD, YOU SHOWED YOUR GLORY AND LED MANY TO FAITH BY THE WORKS OF YOUR SON. AS HE BROUGHT GLADNESS AND HEALING TO HIS PEOPLE, GRANT US THESE SAME GIFTS AND LEAD US TO PERFECT FAITH IN HIM, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

**We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 40:3–5; Malachi 3:1–4; Matthew 3:1–17; 14:1–12; Mark 1:1–11; John 1:29–34

**Memory Verse:** John answered them, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16

**Reflection:** Have you been baptized?

**Choruses:** “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” and “I Go to the Rock”

**Offertory Theme:** Supplying the necessary means.

### 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](http://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 3:23–29 (Monty)

**Hymn:** # 527 I Know Whom I Have Believed

**Sermon:** “John the Baptist Prepares the Way” — Luke 3:1–22 (Kent)

**Benediction Hymn:** #506 I’d Rather Have Jesus

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](http://www.milleravenuechurch.org):

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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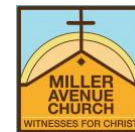
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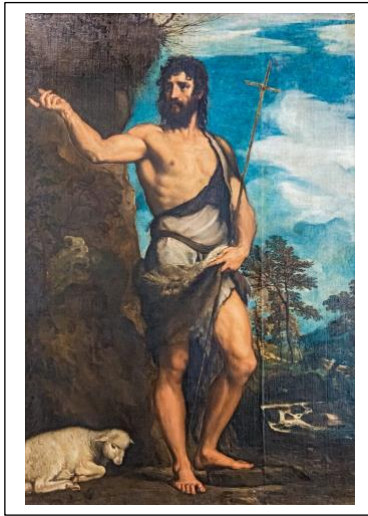
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:  
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

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](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)





### Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** - Senior Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Katie Philpott** - Associate Pastor
- Andrea Busta** - Audio-Visual
- Jim Daley** - Associate Pastor
- Doug Fairclough** - Associate Pastor
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry

← St. John the Baptist, by Titian, c. 1542

WEEKLY SCHEDULE POST-PANDEMIC	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
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>TBD, in light of the new Covid wave</i> )	5:00pm–6:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Bible Study via Zoom (currently on Kent's book, <i>Christian Basics</i> )	6:00–7:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
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:

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Other comments:

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I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. 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)
- Feb. 6** Sermon= Luke 4:1–13 (Kent)  
Expo= Galatians 4:12–20 (Daniel)

**Evening Service:**

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

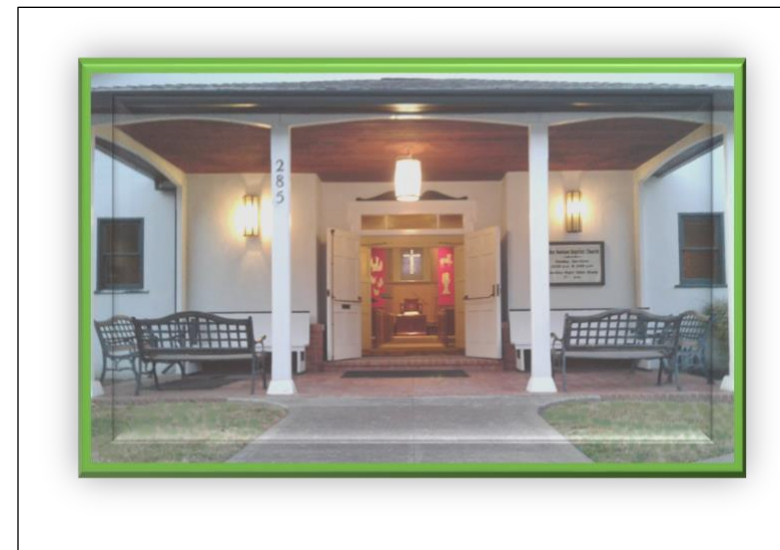
Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

**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](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)*

<b>Giving:</b>	
Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for January	\$1,740



# 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 16, 2022

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