



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

Mill Valley, California

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!

December 1, 2024

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



Ministry Associates

Kent Philpott – *Senior Pastor*
 Katie Philpott – *Associate Pastor*
 Vernon Philpott – *Associate Pastor*
 James Daley – *Preaching/Treasurer*
 Daniel Dover – *Preaching/Handyman*
 Andrea Busta – *Audio-Visual*
 Shirley Laur – *Pastoral Ministry*
 Rebeka Etuku – *Preaching/Facilities*
 Juan Carlos Garcia – *Spanish Pastor*

← *Ecce Homo ("Behold the Man")* by Antonio Ciseri, 1871

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30–12:00
Lunch and Gathering	12:20–1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship (<i>in person</i>)	2:00–3:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	6:50–8:30 pm
Meal and Study in the parsonage	5:30–7:00 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00–7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English/Spanish	8:00–9:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated food distribution in the hall	10:00–11:00 am

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First Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Prophecy Candle

The Prophecy Candle opens up 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

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.”

Leader: 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: Isaiah 53:7-9; Matthew 27:11-14; Luke 3:1–6, 23:1-5, 18-19; Acts 3:11:15.

Memory Verse: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

Reflection: In Isaiah 53, the whole story was foretold!

Choruses: “His Banner Over Me” & “Jude’s Doxology” & John and Merrily and choir.

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, Fellowship dinner and study at the parsonage Wednesdays, 5:30–7:00, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Christmas Eve service and reception afterwards

Bible Exposition: Luke 1:46–56 (James Daley)

Hymn: # 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Sermon:

Mark 15:1–15

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

Kent Preaching

Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

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”, etc.

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:

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



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

1. Mary and Elizabeth are cousins and both descendants of the tribe of Judah, through whom the Messiah must come. They will 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 who will triumph over the seed of the serpent. He is indeed the Messiah or Christ.
4. Mary, just after conception, travels south to Judea to visit her relative Elizabeth, who authenticates what has happened to young Mary. Elizabeth's unborn child leaps in her womb when she hears Mary's greeting, surely a miraculous sign of encouragement to both women.
5. Mary then, unquestionably filled with the Holy Spirit, declares what is known as the "Magnificat," based on the first words Mary utters when she "magnifies" the Lord. It is an expression of wonderment, praise, and thanksgiving.
6. The phrases "my soul" and "my spirit," are a typical parallelism, 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 she will give birth to is.
9. Despite the powerlessness and humbleness of her circumstances, fulfillment will come of what had been revealed to the prophets of old, especially to Abraham.

Notes:

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.

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 History

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Dec. 8:** Sermon= Mark 15:16–32 (Kent)
Expo= Luke 2:1–7 (Ingrid)
- Dec. 15:** Sermon= Mark 15:33–41 (Kent)
Expo= Luke 2:8–14 (Rebeka)
- Dec. 22:** Christmas Sermon (Kent)
Christmas Expo (Katie)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

2:00–3:30 p.m.

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 Marin cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians:

Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM

Bible Study:

Fridays 8:00 PM

Spiritual Paths and the Pastor:

Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$4,000
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*Giving for November	\$9,199
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*DOES include digital giving thru 11/25