



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

Mill Valley, California

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Merry Christmas!

December 29, 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*

← Baby Jesus presented at the Temple

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

Miller Avenue Church – 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

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First Sunday after Christmas

Lighting of the Christ Candle

That which was promised by the prophets has come to pass—the Messiah has come, born of the virgin as a sign to all who would see. Now we live in the light of Jesus while waiting His second advent.

Reading of Hebrews 1:1-3

Christmas Hymn: # 210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*

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

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Leader: 2025 — What shall this new year be for us?

People: IT WILL BE A TIME TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION.

Leader: And how will this be?

People: WE WILL WORSHIP, FAST, PRAY, TEACH, PREACH, LOVE OUR GOD, AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord who calls us to this work.

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU WONDERFULLY CREATED AND YET MORE WONDERFULLY RESTORED THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN NATURE. IN YOUR MERCY, LET US SHARE THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST WHO CAME TO SHARE OUR HUMANITY, AND WHO NOW 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: Luke 2:22–38; Matthew 27:57–60; Matthew 27:62–66; Mark 14:26–31; John 19:38–42; John 20:1–10; John 21:15–19.

Memory Verse: “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed.” Luke 2:34b

Reflection: The Christmas story, so very complex.

Choruses: “There’s a Great Day Coming” & “There’s Just Something about that Name” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Considering what we have received.

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.

Bible Exposition: Luke 2:22–38 (Katie)

Hymn: #250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sermon:

Jesus is Buried & The Resurrection
Mark 15:42–16:8
(Kent Preaching)

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’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they’ll 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 and Sunday morning sermons 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



Gospel Meditation
The Shepherds and the Angels
Luke 2:8–21

1. Shepherds were not thought highly of in that era. It was a rough life, dirty, even dangerous. However, the term “pastor” corresponds to or is the same as “shepherd.”
2. It is not known when in the year this event took place and could have been almost any time of the year. Early Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25, as it was a pagan holiday when even slaves and other despised ones were given freedom for a day.
3. It is not known why God the Father chose to reveal the birth of His Son to these people who would become the first evangelists, but He did. That is very encouraging to us now.
4. The angel sent by God announces good news of great joy to the shepherds (this phrase is equivalent to Gospel), which will be for all people, not only the Jewish people. And it will all take place in the city of David, or Bethlehem.
5. Suddenly there is a large number of angels present and speaking, likely singing, to the shepherds an incredible message.
6. The shepherds set off to Bethlehem and are guided by some means to the place where Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus are. They become instant evangelists, spreading the word, while Mary, Luke tells us, is deep in thought and contemplation.
7. The shepherds return to their work protecting the sheep, all the while glorifying and praising God.
8. After eight days, Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the customary circumcision.

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:**

- Jan. 5:** Sermon= 1st Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 8:21–30 (Richard)
- Jan. 12:** Sermon= 2nd Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 8:31–38 (James)
- Jan. 19:** Sermon= 3rd Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 8:39–47 (Ingrid)

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:

Anticipated Income	\$5,000
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*Giving for December	\$7,194
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*DOES include digital giving