



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.

Welcome!

January 5, 2025

*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*

← “Boy Jesus in the Temple” by George Hodges, 1904

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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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

Morning 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: 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: John 1:1, 14; 14:6–11; 20:24–29; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–20.

Memory Verse: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

Reflection: This paradox is beyond our capacity to fully grasp!

Choruses: “For you are my God” & “Open My Eyes, Lord ” & “I Will Song of the Mercies of the Lord “ (John and Merrily are away.)

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, 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: John 8:21-30 (Richard Haskell)

Hymn: # 788 Now Thank We All Our God

The Sermon:
Paradox #1
Jesus: The God—Man
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
The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Luke 2:41–52

1. Faithful Jewish people were to be 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 theirs was not a simple trip in those days. It was likely that a number of residents of Nazareth made the journey together.
3. Jesus was age 12 (at age 13 He would be known as a “son of the commandment” or “Bar Mitzvah”). He was not with His parents on the return home, but Mary and Joseph did not immediately discover this.
4. Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem in search of their child and found Him discussing large theological and biblical issues with some of the rabbis and other religious experts.
5. After a mild rebuke from Mother Mary, Jesus let it be known that He had a growing understanding of who He was and what His mission was. This was not unlike most pre-teen youngsters.
6. The words of Jesus in reply to Mary were very revealing: “I must be in my Father’s House.” Though Joseph was His legal father, He knew His real parentage was far different. His view of the Temple there in Jerusalem was, however, unique among young people. He referred to it as “My Father’s House.”
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 Jesus continued to increase in “wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man.”
9. Eighteen years would pass before the beginning of His public ministry.

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. 12:** Sermon= Paradox #2 (Kent)
Expo= John 8:31-38 (James)
- Jan. 19:** Sermon= Paradox #3 (Kent)
Expo= John 8:39-47 (Ingrid)
- Jan. 26:** Sermon= Paradox #4 (Vern)
Expo= John 8:48-59 (Rebeka)

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 \$ 5,000

*Giving for December \$10,857

*DOES include digital giving thru 12/30