



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.

Happy New Year!

January 12, 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*

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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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milleravenuechurch.org

First 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: # 686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader and People:

In remembrance of yesterday's gifts,
in thankfulness for today's dawning,
and for the hope we have in our future,
let us worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE FILLED US WITH THE NEW LIGHT OF THE WORD WHO BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US. LET THE LIGHT OF OUR FAITH SHINE IN ALL THAT WE DO; 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: Isaiah 55:6–9; Matthew 6:5–13; 7:7–11; Romans 8:25–27; Philippians 4:4–7; Hebrews 4:14–16.

Memory Verse: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Reflection: Have we reached a point when this verse above makes sense to us?

Choruses: “I’d Rather Have Jesus” & “I’ve Been Redeemed” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Giving: not a good deed but obedience.

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.

Fourth Quarter Congregational Meeting January 26 after service.

Bible Exposition: John 8:31–38 (James)

Hymn: #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon:

Paradox #2
The Paradox of Prayer
(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 Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:7–13

1. Here is the model prayer set forth by Jesus Himself. First he warns against others, naming “Gentiles” who go on and on thinking long and loud praying with meaningless phrases will make them heard.
2. Jesus then states that the Father already knows what we need, and thus He lays out the Lord’s Prayer.
3. We are to address our prayers to “Our Father in heaven.” This followed by asking and acknowledging that the will of our Father will be done, both in heaven and on the earth.
4. We then pray for daily sustenance, then ask for forgiveness for those things we fail at—“our debts”—and paralleling this we are to forgive others who have sinned against us.
5. Then we are to appeal to the Father that we do not enter into temptation, that is, actions that are sinful.
6. Then, finally, we are to ask that we be delivered or protected from evil.
7. As the centuries rolled by, some hundreds of years after Jesus gave us His prayer, an ending was added, seen in the KJV, but not in modern translations, which reads, “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”
8. It is perfectly good to add this to our praying, but it is not a “have-to.”

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= 2nd Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 8:31–38 (James)
- Jan. 19:** Sermon= 3rd Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 8:39–47 (Ingrid)
- Jan. 26:** Sermon= 4th Paradox (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:

Anticipated Income	\$5,000
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*Giving for January	\$1,290
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*Does NOT include digital giving