



# 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.*

January 19, 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*

← *Stairway to Heaven?*

<b>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	6:50–8:30 pm
Meal and Study in the parsonage	5:30–7:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00–7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English/Spanish	8:00–9:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Donated food distribution in the hall	10:00–11:00 am

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

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

## 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:** # 488 Just As I Am

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

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

**Leader:** Of what do you boast, and in what do you take pride?

**People:** WE DESIRE TO TRUST IN GOD ALONE AND OUR BOAST IS ONLY IN  
THE FINISHED WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**Leader:** We come then to worship our God and King.

**People:** WE PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR PEACE.

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

#### Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SON TO PROCLAIM YOUR KINGDOM AND TO TEACH WITH AUTHORITY. ANOINT US WITH THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT, THAT WE, TOO, MAY BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE AFFLICTED, BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Job 19:25–27; Isaiah 25:8; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2; Luke 23:39–43; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18; 2 Corinthians 5:1–8; Philippians 1:22–24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.

**Memory Verse:** [1] For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1). [2] And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

**Reflection:** Is there any conflict here?

**Choruses:** “Surely Goodness” & “This Little Light of Mine” & John and Merrily and choir.

**Offertory Theme:** Giving: self-denial.

## **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, 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 8:39–47 (Ingrid)

**Hymn:** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

### **Sermon:**

Paradox #3

The Paradox of the Resurrection  
(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](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!

### **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](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)



## Gospel Meditation

### Consider:

Luke 23:39–43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.**”

### AND

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)

### Question:

**Is there any conflict in these two passages? Why or why not?**

**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:

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Other comments:

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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:

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### Upcoming Preaching Schedule Morning Service:

- Jan. 26:** Sermon= 4<sup>th</sup> Paradox (Vern)  
Expo= John 8:48–59 (Rebeka)
- Feb. 2:** Sermon= 5<sup>th</sup> Paradox (Kent)  
Expo= John 9:1–41 (James)
- Feb. 9:** Sermon= 6<sup>th</sup> Paradox (Kent)  
Expo= John 10:1–21 (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](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)

### Giving:

Anticipated Income                      \$5,000

\*Giving for January                      \$6,589

\*Does NOT include digital giving