



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!

February 2, 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 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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Fourth 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

Morning Hymn: # 408 How Firm a Foundation

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

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

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD! (Psalm 117)

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

LORD OUR GOD, YOU KNOW THAT WE CANNOT WITHSTAND THE DANGERS WHICH SURROUND US. STRENGTHEN US IN BODY AND SPIRIT SO THAT, WITH YOUR HELP, WE MAY BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE WEAKNESS THAT OUR SIN HAS BROUGHT UPON US, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15; Isaiah 9:1-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Mark 14:53-62; John 18:33-37.

Memory Verse: “You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.” Mark 14:62

Reflection: This paradox has radically impacted human history.

Choruses: “Silver and Gold” & “I’m So Glad Jesus Set Me Free; ”
& John and Merrily and the Choir

Offertory Theme: Giving: a challenge to our self-centeredness.

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.

Explanation of Communion

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

Bible Exposition: John 9:1–41 (James Daley)

Hymn: # 562 Be Thou My Vision (5v)

The Sermon:
Paradox:
The Two Messiahs
(Kent Preaching)

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 Paradox of the Two Messiahs:
Messiah Son of Joseph and Messiah Son of David

1. Running throughout both testaments are found two seemingly contradictory views of the Messiah, the Christ.
2. One is the Suffering Servant, so called over the centuries, and the other is The Warrior or Conquering King.
3. Joseph was the 11th son of Jacob, otherwise known as Israel, and he is the model for the Suffering Servant. David, the second king of the Jews, is the model for the Warrior King.
4. The Suffering Servant, so incredibly pictured in Isaiah 52 and 53, suffers beyond imagination. And we remember that the Book of Isaiah was written nearly 800 years before the days of Jesus.
5. The Warrior King, seen in the life of King David, who lived about 1,000 years before Jesus was on the planet, is the final vision of the eternal reign of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
6. We live now somewhere on the planet with the death of the Suffering Servant having occurred more than 2,000 years ago.
7. How long will it be before our Warrior King arrives is unknown to us. But we wait with eager expectation for that moment to arrive.

Consider a few other paradoxes of Christianity:

- We see unseen things: “as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).
- We find rest under a yoke: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:29–30)
- Exalted or humble: “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted” (Matthew 23:12).

(More next week)

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:**

- Feb. 9:** Sermon= 6th Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 10:1–21 (Katie)
- Feb. 16:** Sermon= 7th Paradox (Kent)
Expo= John 10:22–42 (Ingrid)
- Feb. 23:** Sermon= 8th Paradox (Vern)
Expo= John 11:1–16 (Richard)

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 January \$ 6,930

*Does NOT include digital giving