



# 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.*

February 16, 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*

← *Arminius (left) - Calvin (right)*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
<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)

## Sixth 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:** # 526 The Solid Rock

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

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord has made.

**People:** LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

**Leader:** This day we gather to honor our Lord.

**People:** WE DO SO WITH SONG, PRAYER, AND CAREFUL ATTENTION TO HIS WORD.

**Leader:** How wonderful it is to be in fellowship with God and each other.

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

#### Collect of the Day

O GOD, THE STRENGTH OF ALL WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN YOU:  
MERCIFULLY ACCEPT OUR PRAYERS; AND BECAUSE IN OUR WEAKNESS  
WE CAN DO NOTHING GOOD WITHOUT YOU, GIVE US THE HELP OF YOUR  
GRACE, THAT IN KEEPING YOUR COMMANDMENTS WE MAY PLEASE YOU  
BOTH IN WILL AND DEED; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES  
AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND  
EVER. Amen.

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

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 65:9; Matthew 24:29–31; John 17:1–2; Romans 9:14–16; 11:1–8; Colossians 3:12; Titus 1:1–3

**Memory Verse:** What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened. (Romans 11:7)

**Reflection:** Are we among the elect?

**Choruses:** “God is So Good” & “Somebody Prayed for Me” & “Lord, Send a Revival” & John and Merrily and choir.

**Offertory Theme:** Faithfulness with our resources is a mark of Christian 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](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.

**Bible Exposition:** John 10:22–42 (Ingrid Melin)

**Hymn:** #572 Blessed Assurance

### Sermon:

Paradox: Arminianism versus Calvinism  
Part 2: Calvinism  
(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**

### **Arminianism versus Calvinism**

1. Christians have long been divided between these two positions, and the issue looms large even today. The history of this is too long and complicated to be included here.
2. The Arminian position emphasizes that a person must place their faith and trust in the finished work of Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection. Without that personal faith, there is no salvation. Also, God's grace can be resisted.
3. The Calvinistic position is that God alone saves and gives faith to the believer. And God alone decides, chooses, who these will be.
4. Is it possible that both theological positions are true and accurate at the very same time?
5. For me personally, my first and only pastor, Bob Lewis, was a strong Arminian and thus this was the position I took early on.
6. Later on, I moved from that position to being a 4.5 Calvinist, rejecting the idea that we are born condemned. Later I moved to a 4.0 position, even a 3.5 position.
7. In more recent years, I embraced both, however contradictory that may seem. Okay, my IQ is 117, so why should I expect to figure it all out?
8. I see that Scripture can support both positions, and this I will present on February 9 and 16. First we will look at Arminianism, then at Calvinism.
9. And to all I say, please feel free to disagree with me. I can almost say that at times I disagree with myself.

#### **Other Paradoxes to Consider:**

- We live by dying (Mark 8:35)
- Be last to be first (Mark 9:35)
- Whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all (Mark 10:43–44).
- Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)
- My yoke is easy (Matthew 11:30) BUT How difficult the road that leads to life (Matthew 7:14)
- The Father judges impartially according to each one's work (1 Peter 1:17) BUT The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son (John 5:22)
- Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works (Matthew 5:16). BUT Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them (Matthew 6:1).
- A person is justified by faith apart from works of the law (Romans 3:28) BUT a person is justified by works and not by faith alone (James 2:24).

## 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:**

- Feb. 23:** Sermon= 8<sup>th</sup> Paradox (Vern)  
Expo= John 11:1–16 (Richard)
- Mar. 2:** Sermon= Intro to Ephesians (Kent)  
Expo= John 11:17–27 (Rebeka)
- Mar. 9:** Sermon= Ephesians 1:3–10 (Kent)  
Expo= John 11:28–37 (James)

**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
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*Giving for February	\$2,907
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