



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!

March 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*

← *La conversión de san Pablo*, by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)

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

milleravenuechurch.org

Eighth 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: # 347 And Can It Be

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

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

Leader: We are gathered to learn of our great God & King.

People: WE ARE HERE TO HONOR OUR LORD JESUS.

Leader: He who was despised, rejected, and crucified is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

People: IN DUE TIME HE WILL RETURN AS OUR GLORIOUS KING.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

GOD OF COMPASSION, KEEP BEFORE US THE LOVE YOU HAVE REVEALED IN YOUR SON, WHO PRAYED EVEN FOR HIS ENEMIES; IN OUR WORDS AND DEEDS HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM THROUGH WHOM WE PRAY, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: John 11:17–27; Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31.

Memory Verse: But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” Acts 9:15-16

Reflection: Are there any modern day Christians like Paul?

Choruses: “Jude’s Doxology” & “You’re the Lifter of my Head” & John and Merrily and choir

Offertory Theme: Giving out of love for Jesus.

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. Remember to “Spring Forward” to Daylight Savings Time next Sunday.

Bible Exposition: John 11:7–27 (James)

Hymn: # 788 Now Thank We All Our God

The Sermon:
The Conversion of Saul
Acts 9:1–31
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 Conversion of Saul (Paul)
Acts 9:1–31

1. Saul was on his way to Damascus, a 5-day trip 135 miles north of Jerusalem, with the intent of and approval from the Jewish religious leaders to harass and even do away with Jews who had turned to Jesus as Savior and Lord.
2. Along the way, a huge light from heaven knocked Saul on the ground, and he heard a voice calling to him. It was Jesus Himself, asking Saul why he was persecuting Him.
3. Everyone around him was stunned by great light and thunder-like noise, and Saul was left speechless as Jesus instructed him to enter the city of Damascus. For three days he could not see and ate and drank nothing.
4. A disciple of Jesus named Ananias was sent by God to where Paul was on a street called Straight (it is still to be seen in Damascus). Though Ananias had heard of Saul and that he harassed the saints in Jerusalem, still he went to be with Saul, as Saul was a “chosen instrument” of God’s.
5. Ananias then laid hands on Saul who then could see again. Ananias told Saul that Jesus has sent him so that he could see again but also be filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. Saul was then baptized or dunked in water. For days he was with the believers in Damascus and soon after began proclaiming Jesus in the local synagogues, which became his normal means of evangelism.
7. After some time, the religious Jews plotted to kill him, but Saul was able to escape with help from other disciples. He then returned to Jerusalem.
8. The believers there were initially fearful of Saul, as they could not accept right away that he was now a believer. But Barnabas defended Saul, who was then accepted as a genuine Christian brother.
9. Saul began witnessing to Jews in Jerusalem, including Greek-speaking Jews, known as Hellenists, who turned against him, even seeking to kill him.
10. However, while this attempt was ongoing, the believers sent Saul off to Tarsus, up in modern-day Syria. Acts concludes this event with the fact that in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, many came to faith.

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:**

- Mar. 9:** Sermon= Ephesians 1:1–14 (Kent)
Expo= John 11:28–37 (Rebeka)
- Mar. 16:** Sermon= Eph. 1:15–23 (Kent)
Expo= John 11:38–44 (Ingrid)
- Mar. 23:** Sermon= Eph. 2:1–10 (Kent)
Expo= John 11:45–54 (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

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$ 5,000
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*Giving for February	\$ 5,213
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*DOES include digital giving thru 2/26