



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.

March 9, 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*

←“Paul the Apostle” by Barolomeo Montagna

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

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

milleravenuechurch.org

First Sunday of Lent

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: # 602 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, our Lord, is sending us out into the whole world to be His witnesses.

People: AS WE GO, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS, EMPOWERING US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Leader: This sending God we are here to honor and obey.

People: TO THIS GREAT CHALLENGE WE GIVE OUR ALL.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH: HEAR OUR PRAYER AND GIVE US YOUR PEACE NOW AND FOREVER, THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:11–13; Deuteronomy 7:6–9; John 11:28–37; Ephesians 1:1–14; Acts 28:11–16.

Memory Verse: In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13

Reflection: And that seal can never be broken.

Choruses: “Jesus, Name Above All Names” & “I Go to the Rock” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Sacrificial giving is part of our work.

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.

Bible Exposition: John 11:28–37 “Jesus Weeps” (Rebeka)

Hymn: # 139 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sermon:

**Greeting & Spiritual Blessings in Christ
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
Greeting & Spiritual Blessings in Christ
Ephesians 1:1-14

1. Paul is writing to the saints at Ephesus while he is in captivity in Rome, this in the early 60's of the first century.
2. He wishes them grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and notice the word "our" as he speaks to our relationship with God.
3. "Blessed" is the word he uses in verse 3: "blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Use of the word likely means something close to "good word" thus perhaps the highest description possible.
4. And in Christ, then, we are blessed with the ultimate blessing.
5. Then, it was out of love for us that we have been adopted—predestined to belong to Christ, thus, the greatest blessing possible. And this was the intent of our creator God from the beginning.
6. God even let us know the great mystery, a "plan" for the fullness of time, yet we are unable to grasp the scope of this.
7. It was the purpose of the Father that we receive the full inheritance of what Jesus gave for us in His dying in our place.
8. The generation living at that time, around 33 AD, were the first to trust in Jesus's salvation so that they might live to "the praise of his glory."
9. Believing in Jesus we are "sealed" through the working of the Holy Spirit and thus have a sure inheritance all the way until we have full possession of it in glory.

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:**

- 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)
- Mar. 30:** Sermon= Eph. 2:11–22 (Vern)
Expo= John 11:55–57 (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:

Anticipated Income	\$5,000
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*Giving for March	\$1,088
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*Does NOT include digital giving