



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 23, 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*

←“Apostle Paul” by Jan Lievens

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

Third 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: #516 Redeemed

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

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

Leader: The Lord is our rock and our strength. No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

People: WE STAND NOW ON THAT FIRM FOUNDATION FROM WHICH WE WILL NEVER BE MOVED, FOR HE IS ABLE TO KEEP US.

Leader: Let us then worship our Lord, our strong Redeemer and Savior, in whom is all our hope.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR REDEEMER, IN OUR WEAKNESS WE HAVE FAILED TO BE YOUR MESSENGERS OF FORGIVENESS AND HOPE IN THE WORLD. RENEW US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS AND PROCLAIM YOUR REIGN OF LOVE; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1–17; John 11:45–54; Ephesians 2:1–10; 1 John 4:1–6.

Memory Verse: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within in me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:10-11

Reflection: As said David, we do so as well.

Choruses: “For You Are My God” & “One Name” & “Come on, Come on, and Follow Jesus” (by Kenny Hopkins) & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: A tangible confession of our faith.

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:

NEW: Fridays at the parsonage: Bible Study 6:00 pm then dinner prepared by James and John 7:00 — RSVP to James.

Friday night prayer at the chapel, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Bible Exposition: John 11:45–54 “The Plot to Kill Jesus” (Katie)

Hymn: #572 Blessed Assurance

Sermon:

“By Grace through Faith”

Ephesians 2:1–10

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
By Grace Through Faith
Ephesians 2:1–10

1. Verses 2:1d through 10 are again one long sentence in Greek.
2. Paul is writing to the church in Ephesus and also to the surrounding area, likely to both the churches at Philippi and Colossia.
3. Paul encourages the believers, who once walked in the darkness of their sinfulness and trespasses and who were “children of wrath” that they have been made alive, forgiven of their sins.
4. The means of this change and their eternal forgiveness is on the basis of grace, not on anything they could do or think. Yes, a gift given, the greatest of all gifts, which extends out forever.
5. Language cannot convey the greatness of what we have in Christ. We are seated with him in heaven, meaning safe and secure with Him, and this forever more.
6. Christians down through the ages have never been able to grasp the enormity of this precious and eternal gift. Perhaps in His presence this will be clear.
7. Paul hammers the truth of salvation being a gift that cannot be earned or reached by us. It is a gift of agape love, that incredible love that God has for us.
8. This side of heaven we will not understand, but we can live our lives for Him, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

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. 30:** Sermon= Eph. 2:11–22 (Vern)
Expo= John 11:55–57 (Daniel)
- Apr. 6:** Sermon= Eph. 3:1–13 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:1–11 (Rebeka)
- Apr 13:** Sermon= Luke 19:28–48 (Kent)
Expo= John 12:12-19 (Vern)

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	\$2,845
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*Does NOT include digital giving