## First Presbyterian Church

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Grace and Peace!

Last Sunday morning was great. I have missed all of us being together. I realize there are limitations that make our worship seem a little strange, but that seems to be the best we can safely do in these times. In any event, being together was a lot better than not being together. If you did not have a chance to join us last week, please come this week. This is Communion Sunday. As you can imagine, that will be different as well.

When you arrive on Sunday, there will be individual communion cups set out on a table. Please pick one up if you would like to partake in the sacrament. The cups are sanitary and disposable. The lids have a cellophane layer on top. At the right time, you can pull that back to reveal a wafer of bread. Then there is a second lid, made of foil. You will pull that back to open the juice cup. The whole thing is ingenious, but also strange.

Again, after the worship service on Sunday, we will continue with week four of Staycation Bible School, so if you would like to stick around in the sanctuary for that, all kids (and adults) are welcome.

All of this is available on our website, too, but we have noticed a problem with that. If you access the web page (millerpresby.com) and then YouTube during the service, everything should go well. If, instead, you want to watch it a little later, you have to wait until YouTube actually publishes the video, which might be several hours after. We are trying to figure out if there is a solution to this inconvenience.

We will continue to distance ourselves from each other and recommend masks, sing low, say the responses sort of under our breath. There is a part of me that is frustrated with all of this, and another part that sees it as a series of minor inconveniences that allow us to come together to worship God.

I am trying to focus on the latter and ignore the former. I hope you can find a way to do the same.

Blessings,

Brian Jones