

# First Presbyterian Church

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Grace and Peace!

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (or, Communion as we usually find ourselves calling it) this Sunday in worship. I hope you can join us either in person or via our live-streamed service through [millerpresby.com](http://millerpresby.com). If you will be joining us online, please feel free to have bread and juice ready so that you may take part with those of us who will be at the church.

There is no shortage of news to upset us just about every day, no matter our political leanings. So as Paul Harvey used to say: Wash your ears out with this. Last Sunday we held our church annual meeting—for the 139<sup>th</sup> time. For 139 years, our church has been here, ministering to the sick, the sad, the hopeless, those who were afraid, those who worried, those who had questions. We have ministered to a lot of joyful, faithful people, too. We have fed people with the gospel message, and we have fed people good food as well.

This happens by the grace of God, of course, which has found its way through you and others before you, who have supported the church with your time and your gifts. And it has taken so many of us to make things work.

More than a few of us have bought pies at the pie action. But that isn't where a pie auction's value all comes from. Somebody had to organize the pie auction. Somebody had to bake the pies. And we all had to attend the auction (and occasionally bid up the price of a pie). This is how it works for us, and when I think of that, I am optimistic about our future. I know that the future will not look like the past, but you all share a church with people we are all fortunate to be mapping out the future with.

Blessings,  
Brian Jones