First Presbyterian Church

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Grace and Peace!

Last Sunday's worship was quite celebratory. We received new members and we dedicated our new pew Bibles. So if you did not get to join us for that, I hope you can find the link to it on our church's website: millerpresby.com

This Sunday falls on November 1, which, in the church, is known as All Saints Day. It is when we remember that we are spiritually (and so, truly) connected to Christians in every place and in every time. We remember our connection to the faithful that came before us, we remember the blessing they are and have been to us, and we remember that we are connected to them, even today.

The COVID numbers in the county are increasing sharply these days, and we are all asked to take precautions. It seems mask-wearing has become somewhat political. Who could have imagined such a turn of events? I ask you to think about it, not as a political issue, but as a theological one. This is one way we take care of each other and love our neighbors. So as your pastor, I am asking you to wear a mask whenever you are indoors and in public. I can also tell you that my personal experience has been that the more I have become accustomed to wearing one, the less bothersome it has become.

If you are not able to join us for worship, please know that we miss you and remember you. I know that it is not the same as being together in worship, but please know that I am as close as your phone.

Blessings, Brian Jones