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Grace and Peace!

By way of review, the Sunday school recorded its Christmas program last week. That is now available on the church website, millerpresby.com. Also, we are planning to have in-person worship on Christmas Eve. Seating for that service will be limited, but it will be live-streamed, again on the church website. At the in-person service, we will be spread out and we will all wear masks.

Attendance at Sunday services has been very nice lately, and that is a good thing. It really does seem right to be together actually, and not just virtually. But not everyone is here, and so we still await the day when we can all be together. It looks like that day is coming.

I want to stress that after worship, we all need to leave the building, and not stand around in the fellowship hall talking. I know that is what we all want to do, since for nine months or so, our opportunities to stand around and talk to each other have been limited. But even having a worship service involves a certain amount of risk, and we want to do what we can to minimize that risk. Being careful is something we do to protect ourselves, our church, and our community. It is something we do so that we can continue to have in-person worship.

This Sunday in worship, all the readings come from the first two chapters of Luke's gospel. I encourage you to read those two chapters between now and Christmas. They remind us of a lot of things, not least of which is that God acts in the world, and always has. That is good news for us. And good news seems to be in short supply these days.

Blessings,
Brian Jones