



**Community Presbyterian Church**  
**First Presbyterian Church (Florence)**  
*Welcome*  
**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

**August 23, 2015**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**21<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Proper 16**

John A. Johnson, Pastor  
Denise Kollert, Liturgist  
Ruth Smith, Musician  
Anita VanWagoner & Vera Schell, Ushers

**The People of God Gather**

**Welcoming Guests**

*Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.*

**Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:**

**Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:**

**Prelude: ""**

Ruth Smith

**\* Doxology:**

**\*Call to Worship:**

*from Psalm 84*

**\*Opening Hymn: #398/408**

***"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"***

**Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Silent Confession:**

**Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")**

**\*Gloria Patri:**

**Children:**

**The Word Is Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18**

*Some years (more than 200) before David, Joshua first led the people of the Exodus across the Jordan and into the Promised Land. After they had made their initial conquests, Joshua addressed the people for the last time, asking for the kind of decision that we need to make:*

**Gospel Lesson:**

**John 6:56-69**

*The Gospel of John is filled with imagery, usually in the form of metaphors, some difficult to understand and what might be called conceits. We continue with the challenging imagery Jesus used that reflects the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but probably needs to be read with care.*

**Meditation:**

***Nouvelle Greek Cuisine***

**The People of God Respond to the Word**

**Offering:**

**Offertory:**

**\*Doxology:**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**The Word Is Sealed by Sacrament**  
**The Lord's Supper Is Celebrated**

**\*Invitation:**

**\*Response: #520/517 (verses 1-3)**

***"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"***

**\*Passing of Christ's Peace and Joy:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**The Pastoral Prayer and the Prayers of the People:**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Words of Institution:**

**Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup:**

**Prayer:**

**\* Hymn: #520/517 (verses 4,5)**

***"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"***

**The People Take the Word into the World**

**\*Blessing and Benediction:**

*from Ephesians 6*

**\*Parting Hymn:**

**Postlude:**

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**Please join us for fellowship immediately following worship.**

**Next Sunday, August 30, we will worship here at 10:00 am.**

**Sunday, September 6 and September 20 we shall also worship here.**

**Announcements: Community**

Clothing Closet is closed this week.

Pray for: Edith Cooper, Glen Walker, Skip Blanchard, Larry Graham-Johnson, Roberta Bullis & family

**Announcements: Florence**

September's activities include Men's Breakfast at 9am, Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Women's Luncheon at 11:30am, Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>; and the Hygiene Bank will be opened here at the church from 1:00 – 2:00pm on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep the following friends in your prayers: Rev. Carol Hosler and Tom Rodrigues

If you want to be added to our list of friends in need of prayer, please contact Jessie Laing (520) 868-9585.