

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.”

Isaiah 42:6

Linda and I were led to the First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach by the Lord, using an unchurched close friend living next door to one of our Elders. His simple remark was, “I think you would be very happy in the Presbyterian church down the street a couple of blocks.”

We visited this church the very next Sunday and never looked back. God again provided for us as He promised in Malachi 3:10, “*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,’ says the Lord of Hosts, ‘if I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you blessings until it overflows.*” You are a very large part of that blessing.

The first visit to this church was our very own discovery of a “land of milk and honey.” Never had we ever been a member of a church composed of so many happy, Christian, caring disciples of Christ. During our first visit, we felt loved and accepted by the congregation at First Presbyterian. Again, we knew God was sending us a blessing. And now I have accepted the calling of God to be an Elder in this congregation. I also know that I can only succeed with your prayers and blessings.

Father, I pray that you will be with me and all the members of First Presbyterian Church as we begin another year in Your service. We thank You for all of the gifts you have provided to insure success. We also thank You for loving us and for adopting us into Your forever family. I pray that You will pardon all of my sins and lead me in paths that are always agreeable to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

David Smith

(Submitted in 2008)

