



“FLOWING IN THE SPIRIT”

Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2024...Volume 13

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK
AND SHUT-IN**



*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you and help
you. I will hold you up with my
victorious right hand
(Isiah 41:10 NLT)*

QUARTERLY SCRIPTURE

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”- Mark 9:35 (NKJV)

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR — Rev. GILLARD S. GLOVER

Today most people who aspire to leadership want prominence. They want preeminence, they want the perks of popularity. They want the people to serve them. They don't want to serve the people. They want to act like masters rather than serve the needs of the masses. They are unwilling to lend a hand they want you to put something in their hands. We see these contrasting leadership styles fleshed out in this 2024 presidential campaign.

We have one candidate who has announced he wants to be master. He said I'll be a dictator on day one. My agenda will be first and foremost. I'll deport all the people who don't look the way I want them to look! I'll jail all the people who have opposed my rise to power! I'll increase the wealth of my friends and supporters by taxing the poor and giving it to the wealthy!

His opponent has a different leadership style.

She wants to make life better for the people on the margins. She wants to provide childcare so that women can work. She wants to give young people a downpayment on their first home so they can have a stake in this society. She wants to lower the cost of prescription drugs so people don't have to become poor to get well... She wants to create an economy of opportunity whereas her opponent wants to create an economy of oppression.

His idea of leadership is suppressive, and her idea of leadership is service. She's willing to be last to meet the needs of the least.

He must be first to meet the needs of his ego. He epitomizes suppressive leadership.

She epitomizes servant leadership.

That's what Jesus meant when he said whoever wants to be first must be willing to be last of all and servant of all.

Yours In Community Transformation,
Reverend Gillard S. Glover

FIRST CHURCH OF PALM COAST

INVITES YOU TO BE OUR GUESTS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF



FAMILY - FRIENDS FOOD & FUN

**Saturday October 19, 2024
Noon to 4:00 PM**

*James F. Holland Memorial Park
18 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137*



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Why you should vote in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024

Voting rights are under threat, and voting can help protect them

Even after years of positive change, voting rights are still under threat. Things like [gerrymandering](#), which is redrawing of district lines to favor one party over the other, and stricter eligibility requirements are undemocratic. According to a piece from Human Rights Watch, [voting rights](#) are also threatened by misinformation, election interference and the intimidation of election officials. In 2023, at least 14 states passed laws making voting harder. Everyone eligible should take advantage of their right to vote and make it clear they want their representatives to protect voting rights. The right to vote is something everyone, regardless of their other beliefs, should fight for.

Many believe the future of democracy is at stake

Democracy is never a guarantee, but it's become a central issue for the United States in recent years. According to The Brookings Institution, ["democratic erosion"](#) has two main sources: election manipulation and executive overreach. The attempt to undermine the results of the 2020 election is the clearest example, but state legislatures have been making it harder to vote for years. When polled, Americans are concerned about the future of democracy. According to one survey, [62% of adults](#) believed democracy will be threatened based on who wins the 2024 presidential elections. With the stakes so high, voting is more important than ever.

Voting impacts the future

It may feel like your vote doesn't matter. You may ask what can one person do to change the future? Voting for things you believe in does matter. When people organize around an issue and all make their voices heard, society changes. The other reason is that while your vote can feel meaningless in federal elections, it has a huge impact on smaller, local races.

General Election Dates to Remember

October 7, 2024 - General Election **Voter Registration Deadline**

October 24, 2024 - **Vote-by-Mail Deadline** – Can be requested up to 12 days prior to election

October 26 – November 2, 2024 - **Early General Election Voting Period**

November 5, 2024 - **General Election Day**

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| Church School | Every Friday at 2:00 pm ** |
| Steward Board Meeting | Thursday after 1 st Sunday at 1:00 pm |
| Trustee Board Meeting | Thursday after 1 st Sunday at 2:00 pm |
| *via Conference Call **via Zoom *** online | |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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The Teaching Ministry of Rev. Gillard S. Glover

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Sunday Services:

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