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Listening to God

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10



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Women of Grace

Dear Women of Grace,

Be still and know. Psalms 46:10

This verse has been sitting on my heart for us for many months. I feel with all the turmoil and uncertainty around us, we should take a minute to be still and listen, to be comforted, and to be renewed in God.

"Be still" comes from the Hebrew word, "raphah", which translates to "sink, relax, sink down, let drop". What an amazing idea that we could sink down into God's arms, let all of our concerns drop and relax into him. We can take comfort in knowing that God's got us, and he wants what is best for us. No matter what is swirling around us, we can stop, be still and know that he is still there. We can draw comfort, courage from Christ when we stop and seek him (Psalms 46 also tells us God is our refuge and strength). So, take a moment to Be Still and Know. . .

I am so honored to serve as moderator this year. I love the history and tradition of Women of Grace. I am encouraged daily by the love shown to each other, our church, our city, our nation, and those around the globe. I want this year to be a year that we reaffirm our mission to love those as God loved us. I want this year to be the year we all stop, be still, and listen to God as he guides Women of Grace as a whole and guides you as an individual.

I feel like this year is a year to invest in us. My heart tells me we need to work on growing our numbers and I will be working faithfully and diligently on recruitment and sharing our vision with those at Grace Presbyterian Church.

I ask for your patience as we enter another year of uncertainty. I ask for your flexibility as we work through our calendar. "Patience and flexibility" has become a mantra at our house, and I ask that it be your mantra too.

Finally, I ask for you prayers. Pray for my leadership to be faithful to God's will. Pray for each other. Pray for our church. Pray for our Mission Partners. Pray for our neighbors.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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Purpose Statement

Because we are saved by the grace of Jesus Christ, we foster spiritual growth through Bible study and prayer, engage in missions, and share Christian fellowship so that we bear witness to God's eternal kingdom.



The Symbolism found in the Women of Grace Logo

- Women of Grace gather together in small groups called circles, the circle therefore is an integral part of the design
- Within the circle is an abstract "W" representing Women
- Within the circle is also an abstract "G" representing Grace
- As you look at the logo an image of a dove appears which represents the presence of the Holy Spirit
- Symbolically, the three lines of the "W" come together as one, symbolizing both women uniting in fellowship and prayer; and as a reminder of the trinity—God in three persons
- The circle is opened representing the welcoming nature of our groups the circle is not closed, but opened to all

STAFF RESOURCES

Women of Grace is grateful for the generous support of the ministers and staff of the church. Without their help and guidance, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. If assistance is needed from the staff regarding Women of Grace, please direct your communications to:

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A complete and up-to-date listing of additional Grace Presbyterian Staff members can be found on the church website: www.gpch.org

Women of Grace Online Directory And Directions to the Women of Grace Website

The directory and binder updates for Women of Grace can be found on the church website, with the exception of the membership listings. Personal information of the membership is protected and will not be available on the website.

To access the Women of Grace website from the Grace Presbyterian Church website:

- Go to www.gpch.org
- Select Ministries
- From the drop-down menu select Women from the Adults heading
- Click on the "Directory" tab to download the updated binder information
- Click on each document and simply press the print icon in the upper right corner