



Grace Gilliam

One of the youngest people in our congregation is Gracie Gilliam. She is now seven years old and attends D.W. Long Elementary School in Fontana. Her birthday is September 3, in case you wanted to know.

Gracie loves to come to St. Columba's Church on Sunday so she can see everybody she knows here. She would like it even more if other parents brought their children as well. She said she learns about Jesus here at St. Columba's. She thought it would be nice if there was a gathering of kids in Fellowship Hall during Sunday service so other children could learn more about Christ as well.

Gracie has fun with Aiden and Lucy when they are at St. Columba's with her. During a recent Sunday morning, they were marching around Fellowship Hall, one behind the other. It caused everyone to smile at the enjoyment they were having in this long-practiced game of "Follow the Leader."

When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, Gracie quickly responded, "A teacher." Her favorite subject in school is science. Gracie scrunches up her face and smiles when someone at church tells her she looks so pretty in her Sunday dresses. On special occasions, she gets to wear them to school. Do the boys come up to her and tell her the same thing? "No, they're too afraid."

Such a young girl with so much confidence in herself! Her dad Matthew might have something to do with that. Isn't it a joy when he brings Gracie to church on Sunday? She's quickly growing up to be such a beautiful person, both inside and out. Thanks, Matt, for giving each of us the opportunity of growing along with her.