



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TEMPLE, TEXAS



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## GET TO KNOW MADDIE CLARK, GPC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR



Hello! My name is Maddie Clark, and I am happy to be the newest addition to the Grace Presbyterian staff. My husband (Matt), son (Sawyer), dog (Copper), and I are currently living in Killeen, however, we are from central North Carolina. I am a working stay at home mom. I am a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA) and work with children who have autism spectrum disorder and their families.

I grew up in the Presbyterian Church. Montreat, the east coast Mo-Ranch, recently hit hard by Hurricane Helene, is a place where I spent almost 10 summers of my life from high school through college. My husband and I graduated from East Carolina University (ECU) in Greenville, NC in 2020 at the start of the COVID pandemic. At ECU I was the president and mission chair of Ukirk Campus Ministries, the Presbyterian National Campus ministry program. Ukirk was also the avenue in which I started my first youth, then youth and children's director job.



My husband and I moved home and got married in Pinehurst, NC in May of 2021. He left for the military, and I started my journey to becoming a BCBA. During that time, I also took an interim youth ministry job near my hometown. When he graduated from AIT we moved to Killeen at the very end of 2021. I made the cross-country trip with my parents and dog to meet Matt for the holidays and to start getting settled in our new home.

We were blessed with our first child, Sawyer, in October of 2023. Until then I worked full time as a BCBA. I wanted to be a stay-at-home mom, and I am very lucky to have a company that is flexible and allowed me to transition to very part-time. We also found Grace Presbyterian, after 2 years of looking, and we were hooked from the first time we came. We loved how welcoming everyone was, even though Sawyer started making noise during the prayer. We wish we found Grace sooner, but we are very thankful to have found this church at all.

I love being a part of a church, getting to know everyone, being involved in mission work, teaching, and learning. In my new role as Director of Christian Education I will be dedicating my time to helping you grow to your fullest spiritual potential. If you would ever like to chat, I am available via email



[maddiebeadell@gmail.com](mailto:maddiebeadell@gmail.com) anytime or phone text/call 910-973-0152 any day between 8AM and 5PM. I am excited to get started and work with each of you during my time here!

 --Maddie

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Mon- Thursdays  
8AM- 4PM

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women are back in action! Come Join Us! This month's circles will meet in February on the following schedule:

Evening Circle: First Tuesday of the month, 6PM at Julie Benner's house.

Morning Circle: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30AM at GPC

Jennie Shull Circle: Third Thursday of the month, 12:00 (Noon) at GPC

Come for a visit or as a member to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and a Bible-based lesson, formatted for lively and meaningful discussion. Call or email the church office for additional information; we hope you will join this ministry this February!

## MEN OF GRACE

The "Men of Grace" meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a speaker. We are looking forward to our next breakfast on February 15 at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us and be part of this growing brotherhood. Questions? Email Stan ([stanb4simons@gmail.com](mailto:stanb4simons@gmail.com)) or Bob ([bshull612@gmail.com](mailto:bshull612@gmail.com)).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children's Sunday School** - K-5 Sunday School at 9:30AM - pickup at 10:45AM in room 204.

**Parent's Night Out** is **February 7** • 5:30-8:30PM • For families who are members or regular attenders of the church and for their children (*infants 6 weeks through 5th grade*) Childcare is provided by our GPC nursery staff **Register by February 5** on our website!

**First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch** - Sunday, February 2 (*following worship*). All meet at *Clem Mikeska's Pit BBQ & Steakhouse* (1217 S. 57th St, Temple) • This is for all families with children and/or youth and is a 'dutch treat' expense (pay for your own).

## TEMPLE CIVIC THEATRE NIGHT!

Join your GPC friends for Opening Night at Temple Civic Theatre! The evening begins at **6:30PM** on **Thursday, February 20**, when we gather at the theatre to enjoy hearty appetizers, wine, and seltzers, all available free of charge prior to 7:30PM curtain time for the premier performance of *Urinetown*, a lively, dystopic, musical dramady about a group of evil city administrators who have stooped to using a severe drought crisis for their personal, moneymaking advantage! It's a situation fraught with anxiety, suspense, and several great life lessons for us all, with a cast, director, and crew that includes some of our very own GPC members, so sign up now to enjoy preferred, premier seating in our GPC section, as follows: Under the TCT poster in the narthex, print the names of your party (one name per line), as we need an accurate head count. Next, make your reservations by contacting the theatre by phone or online, and be sure to ask about special pricing for children, students, seniors, and more. See you at TCT!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Sunday, February 2** in the 11AM Worship our **LOGOS Children's Choir** will lead our hymns in worship along with the Praise Team. We hope you will enjoy their singing and leadership!

Welcome New Chancel Choir Members: Angie Beck, Lisa Ketteman and Kathy Owens! New members are always welcome to join us!

**Handbell Rehearsal** | Wednesdays from 6-7PM  
Josh Essary, Director of Handbell Ensemble | [joshuaessary@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaessary@gmail.com)

**Choir Rehearsal** | Wednesdays from 7-8PM  
Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music | [chelsea@gpctemple.org](http://chelsea@gpctemple.org)

## WATCH US ONLINE!!

Watch our worship service **LIVE** on Grace Presbyterian's Facebook page ([@gpctemple](https://www.facebook.com/gpctemple)) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Need help in finding us? Contact us at 254.773.2134 or see a staff member, or Elder. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Wayne Finch 2/1
- Jana Johnson 2/2
- Lea Ann Bettis 2/3
- Carol Huddle 2/5
- Bobby Woodard 2/11
- Margaret Buchanan 2/13
- Sharon Owen 2/14
- Carla Stanley 2/16
- Beth Gerdes 2/16
- Mary Ann Ray 2/17
- David Salzman 2/17
- Judy Enloe 2/18
- Dan Keyser 2/20
- Al Knight 2/22
- Paul Gerdes 2/23
- Kay Finch 2/24
- Dot Tate 2/24
- Dorla McLaughlin 2/25
- Natalie Ozment 2/26

