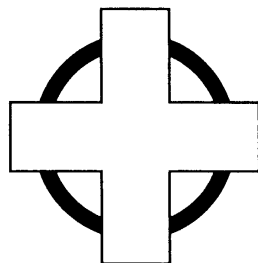


Your Church Wedding and the Christian Marriage Rite

A Christian marriage service is an expression of the Christian faith. A church wedding is a worship service. The Christian character of the worship service shall be preserved in all planning details.

As pastors, we are here not so much to “do weddings” as to be pastors for people in the larger context of their lives and faith journeys. Growing together and participating in a community of Christian faith is a significant aspect of the lives of any couple joining themselves in a Christian marriage.



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*Planning Your Wedding at
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Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:14-17

Booking Your Wedding

The Wedding Date and Time – You will need to book both the church and the pastor for your wedding. Call the church office and set up an appointment to discuss your plans with a pastor. *Only pastors can schedule a wedding.* After meeting with the pastor the wedding coordinator will call you to schedule the date and set up a planning meeting with the music director. A \$100 deposit is required at the time you and your pastor set a date for your wedding.

The Rehearsal Date and Time – A one hour wedding rehearsal time should also be scheduled with the church office and wedding coordinator.

Pre-Marriage Counseling – The pastor who is conducting your ceremony will meet with you to arrange the details of your wedding ceremony and for pre-marriage counseling. Normally three meetings are sufficient.

Music – The Wedding Coordinator will help you plan your service and send you a wedding handbook. She will arrange a joint meeting with the Music Director.

All musicians using the Our Savior's sanctuary must meet with the Music Director at the church one month prior to the wedding.

Reception

While it is not always possible for the pastor to attend the reception due to the Saturday worship service, an invitation is welcomed.

Facility

Our sanctuary provides seating for 350. Because our congregation has a Saturday evening worship service at 5:30 p.m., weddings (and receiving lines) need to be completed by 4:30 p.m. To accommodate this requirement, the latest a wedding service may start on a Saturday is 3:00 p.m. The length of your wedding depends on its size, amount of music, and whether you include Holy Communion. We'll be happy to help you set an appropriate time.

A \$100.00 deposit is required to hold space at Our Savior's for your wedding.

Reservations for space may be made up to two years in advance.

Guidelines

- No alcohol, or other drugs are allowed on the church property. No one under the influence of such will be allowed to participate in the service.
- No smoking on the church property.
- Parties using the church will be responsible for all damages.
- The church does not assume responsibility for the security of items left in the dressing rooms, gifts on display, or any other items brought to the church for the wedding.
- No flash photography or cellular phone photography/videography during the service.

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