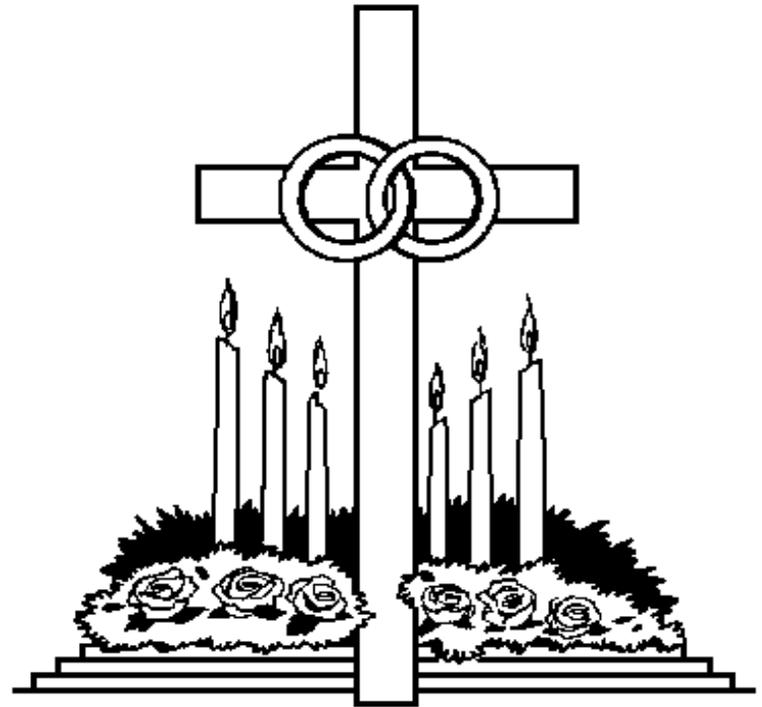


WEDDINGS



Faith Presbyterian Church
(USA)

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STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Although the state understands marriage simply as legal contract between a man and a woman, Christians view marriage differently.

For Christians, marriage is an extension of each individual's faith commitment, and the marriage relationship is a covenant between two people and God. In Christian marriage, a woman and a man make a lifetime commitment to one another, in the presence of God and the church family. They understand that commitment to be blessed and nurtured by God, and, for their part, they seek to fulfill their marriage vows as part of that faith in Jesus Christ.

The Christian marriage ceremony is first and foremost a service of worship.

Christian marriage is not to be entered into lightly or without careful and prayerful consideration.

The Directory for the Worship of God found in the **Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)** provides the guidelines for all wedding services in our church.

*“As a service of Christian worship, the marriage service is under the direction of the pastor and the supervision of the Session.” (W-1.4004-1.4006)
The pastor leading the service shall provide for discussion of the nature of their commitment, assuring that at least one is a professing Christian.
(W-4.9002)*

FEES

**ALL FEES ARE DUE AT THE CHURCH BY
10:30 A.M. THE MONDAY BEFORE THE WEDDING.**

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Church Usage		
Sanctuary	no charge	\$200
Parlor	no charge	\$100
Custodial Services		
Wedding only	\$60	\$60
Wedding & reception	no charge	\$100
*checks for the above should be made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church		
Organist	\$100	\$100
Pastor	Honorarium	\$150

* Check for organist and pastor should be made payable to them.

ARRANGEMENT OF SANCTUARY

If the sanctuary is to be rearranged for the wedding, someone from your wedding party needs to help with this. The sanctuary must be returned to its original arrangement following the ceremony.

MUSIC

The Christian marriage ceremony is a service of worship normally conducted in the church sanctuary. Therefore, the church strives to make the best possible use of the arts to provide a worshipful atmosphere.

In administering this office, the church is obligated to maintain the same high standards in its selection of music as it does in planning any other religious service. It is helpful to remember that the first and most important function of music in the church is “to glorify God.”

The Pastor and organist must be consulted regarding the music for the service so that guidance and suggestions may be given as to the most appropriate music.

FLOWERS AND DECORATION

Decorations should be of such a nature that they do not deface or mar the physical property of the sanctuary or detract from the worship of God. Nothing may be attached to the pulpit, lectern, communion table, or baptismal font.

If candelabra or an aisle cloth are desired, they may be rented from a florist. Please notify the Pastor if you plan to use these items.

A couple may elect to incorporate the Christ Candle or unity candles into the wedding service. The wedding party will be responsible for purchasing these candles.



COURTESY IN THE CHURCH

The Church will be open two hours before the wedding. Facilities for dressing at the church are available.

No rice or confetti is to be used within any part of the church building, nor on the church grounds. You may distribute birdseed after the ceremony to be used outside the building only.

If the bride or groom shows evidence of the influence of alcohol or drugs, the pastor will decline to perform the ceremony. The couple is requested to advise members of the wedding party to refrain from the use of alcohol or drugs before both the wedding rehearsal and the wedding ceremony.

Our facility is smoke free. If people need to smoke, they may do so outside.

There is to be no use of alcohol on the church grounds.



PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Flash pictures may be taken from the end of the aisle at the beginning of the Processional and at the close of the Recessional. Time exposures are permitted during the service near the rear of the Sanctuary. Flash pictures are not permitted at any time during the service in the Sanctuary. If you desire pictures of the wedding party in the Sanctuary, the party may reassemble for this purpose after the service. Photographs of the wedding party in the Sanctuary may also be taken before the service. (The Church will be open two hours ahead of the wedding.) If this is done, the wedding party should leave the Sanctuary one-half hour before the service begins.

It is the responsibility of the couple to inform their photographers and friends of the above regulations. It is an excellent idea to inform the ushers also to caution those guests who are carrying cameras that no flash pictures are permitted in the Sanctuary during the wedding service.

We suggest that the majority of the pictures be taken prior to the service as a courtesy to guests and church staff.

Videotaping will be allowed on only in a fixed location at the rear of the sanctuary, so as not to distract from the ceremony. Professional or amateur videographers must consult with the Pastor prior to the service.

INITIAL CONTACT

Faith members need to consult the pastor to arrange the date and time of the ceremony and rehearsal and the date and time for the first counseling session.

(Note: The date and time of the rehearsal and wedding will need to be approved by the Session of the church.)

Nonmembers may request to be married at Faith if one of the following criteria exists: 1) They are regularly attending Faith Church; 2) They have relatives who are active members of Faith; or 3) There are extenuating circumstances that do not allow them to be married in their own church.

Nonmembers need to contact the pastor to arrange a preliminary appointment. If, following this appointment, the pastor and the couple determine that Christian marriage at Faith is appropriate and agreeable, the date and time for the ceremony and rehearsal and the first counseling session may be arranged.

(Note: The date and time of the rehearsal and wedding will need to be approved by the Session of the church.)

Counseling: All couples being married in the church will participate in a minimum of three sessions of premarital counseling with the Pastor.

WHO MAY PERFORM THE SERVICE?

It is the policy of Faith Presbyterian Church for our pastor, or another clergy person invited by our pastor, to officiate in all weddings. If you have any questions or special circumstances, please speak with the Pastor.