

WEDDING INFORMATION

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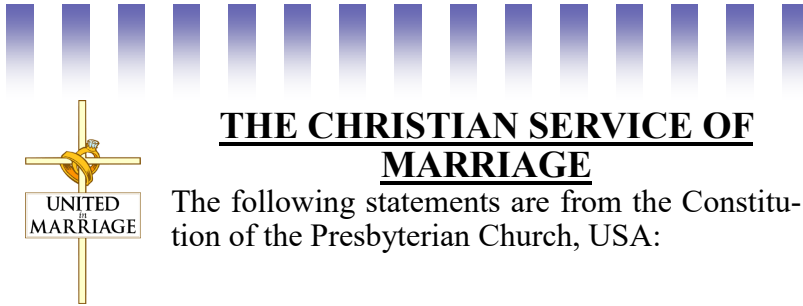


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THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF MARRIAGE

The following statements are from the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, USA:

“Any minister asked to marry a man and a woman shall participate with them in instruction and discussion of the privileges and obligations they will assume in Christian marriage. The Church bears responsibility for providing education and counsel in preparation for marriage.”

“Before any man and woman are joined in marriage, they shall fulfill all the lawful requirements of the state in which the marriage is to be performed. They shall be in such health of body and soundness of mind as in the judgment of the minister will enable them to live responsibly within the bounds of marriage. They shall give indication of being prepared to enter upon life together with maturity and wisdom. The service shall be under the sole direction of the minister.”

“Such music as accompanies the ceremony should direct attention to God, who sanctifies marriage, and special care should be taken to assure that it is suitable and reverent. If desired, the congregation may be invited to join in the singing of hymns at the beginning and conclusion of the service.”

“Flowers, decorations, and other appointments should not be unduly elaborate. In all the activities surrounding the ceremony, excessive expense and ostentation should be avoided.”



Welcome to Clarence Presbyterian Church!

We wish you well at this exciting time and are proud to have you use our church and its facilities for your special day. You will find that the air conditioned sanctuary and country setting are particularly lovely for a wedding at any time of year.

We trust that you will treat the church with the dignity and special care that it deserves.

What follows are some comments to ease your planning for a smooth, “no surprises” event. Should there be other questions don’t hesitate to contact the Pastor or the church office for clarification.

DATE: The pastor should be notified as soon as possible concerning the wedding date in order to reserve the date for himself and the church sanctuary.

PASTOR: The pastor always reserves the right of deciding whom he will or will not marry. The Pastor will arrange for at least two meetings with the couple before the wedding to discuss their plans for the ceremony and for their life together.

If a couple wishes to invite a minister from another church to participate in the service, they should ask the pastor of the Clarence Church to extend a professional invitation to the other clergyperson.



MUSIC: Couples should contact the Director of Music Ministry, Kotoe Shimojo (636-5173, music@clarencypresby.org) who can assist with suggestions and selections. Organist availability should be confirmed as soon as the church date is set. Should Mrs. Shimojo not be available, she can suggest substitute organists.

The wedding service is a worship service and music is chosen to reflect worship. Sacred music is preferred over popular music. The latter is appropriate to the reception.

Special music (solos) and hymns add a great deal to the beauty, majesty and meaning of the service. All of the music for the wedding ceremony needs to be approved by the organist and/or minister.

FLOWERS: Florists should call the church (759-8396) during business hours to coordinate delivery. There are three movable pedestals available. The Church is particularly sensitive to the use of tape or tacks.



REHEARSAL:

The pastor will arrange a time with you for a rehearsal of the wedding ceremony in the sanctuary. Ordinarily, this is the evening before the wedding. Facilitators will be present to assist.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please inform your photographer and camera-laden friends that flash pictures should not be taken during your wedding ceremony. This is a once-in-a-lifetime moment for you, and it should be dignified. It is also a worship service. Well-meaning friends can be terribly distracting for you and everyone present. The minister will be glad to provide ample opportunity both before and after the ceremony for everyone to take pictures.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Member—	
Custodian.....	\$ 50
Wedding Facilitators (2).....	\$ 50 ea.
Organist.....	\$200
Soloist.....	determined by soloist
Live Streaming.....	\$50
Minister's suggested honorarium....	\$200
Non-member, in addition to above—	
Building Use.....	\$700

WEDDING FACILITATORS:

This is your memorable day. We are present to facilitate your plans in order for your rehearsal and wedding to run smoothly.



DECORATIONS:

Decorations, accessories and programs should be brought to the church at the time of the rehearsal. If using bubbles, they should be brought at that time also. Please note: No rice, confetti or balloons may be used due to environmental reasons. We do not allow aisle runners due to safety concerns.

CHURCH CAPACITY: 300

CANDLES:

Unity Candles are often used and are provided by the family. Candelabras are available from the church.

BRIDE, GROOM AND ATTENDANTS:

THE GROOM, BEST MAN, AND USHERS should be fully prepared at least 30 minutes before the service and should wait in Lower Fellowship Hall.

THE BRIDE AND HER ATTENDANTS should enter the building through the side door (east/2nd set) of the church to Upper Fellowship Hall. The bridal party will proceed from there to the Sanctuary.

The facilitators will take care of the corsages and boutonnieres at this time.

The Upper Fellowship Hall may be used as a gathering space for families.

Please make arrangements for personal items to be picked up from the Upper Fellowship Hall shortly after the ceremony.

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RECEIVING LINE:

Should the couple opt to have one, discuss in advance who will be in line and any protocol involved. Usual order: parents of bride, parents of groom, bride and groom, maid/matron of honor and best man, bride's attendants, groomsmen.

The Maid of Honor and Best Man, at ceremony's end, should meet with the Pastor in his study to sign the marriage license.

BUILDING RULES:

This is a smoke and alcohol free building.
Cell phones should be silenced during the service.
Rice is not acceptable.

COURTYARD GARDEN:

The Courtyard Garden is available for your use.
It is a lovely area for photographs.

RECEPTIONS:

The Upper Fellowship Hall is available for receptions. See "Facility Use Policy" for details.

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