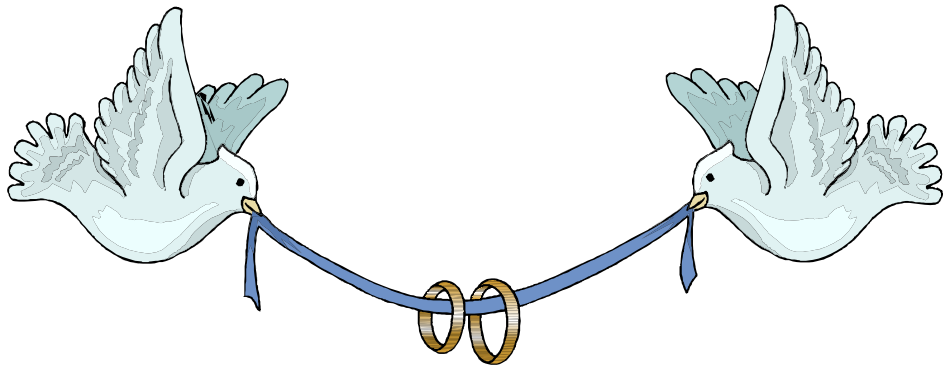


✠ CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ✠

WEDDING POLICY



God has established and sanctified marriage as the institution by which a woman and a man who love each other, and wish to make a binding commitment to one another, may do so. Christian marriage is, above all things, a commitment, whereby wife and husband work together to be a blessing to one another and strive to make their relationship the best and strongest it possibly can be. It is the deepest commitment one human being can make to another, and in terms of its importance, it is second only to the commitments we make to God and the Church.

We congratulate you for choosing Valley Presbyterian Church as your site of marriage. We know our beautiful, historic sanctuary will provide you with a background for a day you shall never forget – your wedding day!

The Session and Pastor of this church require you to abide by the following procedures. It is our hope that these procedures will answer many of your questions concerning your wedding ceremony here at Valley Presbyterian Church.

1. The officiating pastor will establish with each couple a thorough schedule of pre-marital counseling sessions. The couple should make arrangements well in advance to meet with the pastor. All weddings must be approved by the Board of Session of Valley Presbyterian Church.
2. The pastor will schedule all rehearsals. The pastor maintains the right to either permit or deny individuals from attending the rehearsal as well as the actual wedding ceremony.
3. The marriage license must be given to the pastor at the time of your rehearsal. This allows time for proper typing and completion of your marriage license.

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4. The church organist should be used for your wedding ceremony. Outside organists are permitted with the approval of the pastor. Please make arrangements with our organist well in advance.
5. All music for your wedding must be discussed with both the pastor and the organist.
6. During the actual wedding ceremony, pictures are only permitted with the approval of the pastor, bride and groom. No one is permitted to stand in the aisle and take pictures as the bridal party processes. This blocks the view of the groom and the immediate family. Video cameras are permitted, but only with the pastor's approval of location during the ceremony.
7. When decorating the church, please do not use thumbtacks or tape! Bows from the pews may be hung with rubber bands or pipe cleaners. There are 24 pews. Seating capacity of the church is 235 people.
 - Candelabras are available; however, large white candles must be purchased by the couple.
 - A white satin wedding kneeler is also available for your use.
 - A unity candle may be used on the communion table (again, to be purchased by the couple).
 - The aisle in the sanctuary is approximately 46 feet long. This will help select the size of the Crash (aisle runner) the couple will need to purchase.
 - Two silver vases are available for your use. Plastic inserts for your florist to fill are available from the church office.
 - Please notify the Custodian of the items you wish to use.
8. No alcoholic beverages! No smoking! No food or beverages in the sanctuary at any time!
9. Please remember that your wedding will call for a moderate clean-up, both before and after the ceremony. Our custodian must be contacted for early entry into the church for the rehearsal and the wedding.

10. If wedding bulletins are to be used, please contact the church secretary well in advance of the wedding day. Bulletin covers may be purchased through the church office or purchased at a Christian bookstore. The secretary is available to type and copy your bulletins.
11. No rice, confetti, balloon release or bird seed can be used in any part of the church building. Bird seed may be used outside of the church building.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Every effort is made to assist in keeping the cost for a wedding at a minimum. There are, however, some costs which the church is not able to assume.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
1.)Use of Church	No Cost	\$500.00
2.)Pastor	\$100.00	\$300.00
3.)Organist	\$150.00	\$150.00
4.)Custodian	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
5.)Secretary	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
(If wedding bulletins are typed and printed by secretary)		
6.)Technical Director	\$100.00	\$100.00
7.)Wedding Coordinator	\$100.00	\$100.00
8.)Soloist	Conditional	Conditional
(arrangements to be made between bride and soloist)		

*Make checks payable to Valley Presbyterian Church, for any fees above that apply to your wedding. **All fees are due at the Rehearsal.**

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please feel free to call the pastor at Valley Presbyterian Church.

