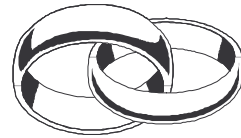


GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS

A Christian wedding means that you wish to enter your married life with the understanding that all of life, including the relationship with each other, takes place under the sovereign love of God, and that you will approach a new relationship in the spirit of very serious preparation and joyous expectation. It means that you have chosen to exchange your vows in a Christian worship service instead of in a civil ceremony, and because of this the service will be guided by the standards of the church in the spirit of worship. It means that you will have the warm and prayerful support of all of us, not only in preparing for the service in which you pledge your love to each other before God, but also in preparing for your life together. Because a wedding, and particularly a church wedding, involves many details, you will probably have questions. This pamphlet will help answer most of the preliminary questions you might have about a wedding at Rumson Presbyterian Church.



Arranging for a Wedding Service

After reading through this pamphlet, the couple must fill out and return the enclosed wedding application along with a deposit (\$350.00 for non-members). The check should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and be sent with the application.

“Any minister asked to marry a man and a woman shall participate with the instruction and discussion of the privileges and obligations they will assume in Christian Marriage.” (Presbyterian Directory for Worship)

The minister cannot ordinarily agree to perform a marriage until after, the initial interview. At Rumson Presbyterian Church we require four pre-marital conferences. These conferences with the minister should be arranged as soon as possible. In a practical and realistic approach, the minister attempts to help the engaged couple in handling the basic meaning of the marriage relationship. The minister will seek to address the spiritual, physical, social, economic and mental adjustments which attend any marriage.



MUSIC AND FLOWERS

“Music suitable for the marriage service directs attention to God and expresses the faith of the church. The congregation may join in hymns and other forms of praise and prayer. Flowers, decorations, and other appointments should be appropriate to the place of worship, enhance the worshipers’ consciousness of the reality of God, and reflect the integrity and simplicity of Christian life.” (Presbyterian Directory for Worship)

The bride and groom are responsible for calling the Director of Music. Please call the church office for further information. All music must be cleared with the Director of Music.

The couple selects the florist and arranges for the placing of flowers. Ordinarily, two bouquets are placed on pedestals at the foot of the chancel. No tape, nails or screws may be used on pews or other woodwork in the sanctuary. Runners are not used often in our sanctuary. Unity Candles are allowed, and are the responsibility of the couple.

Photography, License, Bulletins etc.

Cameras may be used without a flash and video camcorders may be used without lights if attached to a stationary tripod. Anything that may cause a distraction from the service will not be allowed, including movement with photographic equipment.

The marriage license is applied for in the town of residence of the bride, of the groom if the bride is out of state and the groom is a New Jersey resident, or if both bride and groom live out of state, in the town where the wedding is to be performed. The license, when issued, is good for 30 days. The couple is responsible for contacting their local municipality to make sure they have what they need to get a valid license. The license must be presented to the minister at or before the rehearsal.

Any couple wanting a bulletin for their service should consult with the minister who will help put it together. Our office, however, will not take responsibility for printing. The bride and groom must make arrangements for bulletins.

Please call the church office if you have any questions. (732) 842-0429

WEDDING FEES

For members:

Use of Sanctuary
No charge

Custodial services
\$100.00
(Make check out to Angel Caraballo)

Music
\$250.00

Soloist
\$125.00

Minister
Not required

For non-members:

Use of Sanctuary
\$350.00
(deposit, sent with application)

Custodial services
\$100.00
(Make check out to Angel Caraballo)

Music
\$200.00

Minister
\$250.00
(Make check to the minister)

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson



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Reverend Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo*

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Wedding Application

BRIDE

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Day Phone: _____

Church Membership: _____

Education: _____

Employment: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Birth date: _____

Birthplace: _____

- Never Married
- Divorced
- Widowed

GROOM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Day Phone: _____

Church Membership: _____

Education: _____

Employment: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Birth date: _____

Birthplace: _____

- Never Married
- Divorced
- Widowed

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

How Long Have You
Known Each Other? _____

Address After the Wedding:

Bride Escorted by: _____

MAID/MATRON OF HONOR:

Address: _____

Bridesmaids: _____

BEST MAN:

Address: _____

Groomsmen:

Flower Girl _____ Age: _____

Ring Bearer _____ Age: _____

Single Ring: _____ Double Ring: _____

Veil: _____

Wedding Candle (not provided): _____

Service:

Onsite: _____ Offsite: _____



Music: _____

*(If organ music is desired, First Presbyterian
Church Music Director must be consulted -
732/741-9194)*

Receiving Line at Church? _____

Other Clergy: _____

Florist: _____

Wish to Leave Flowers at Church? _____

Photographer: _____

Do You Want to use Church Hall for
Reception? _____

Time: _____

Wedding License Number: _____

Date Application Received: _____

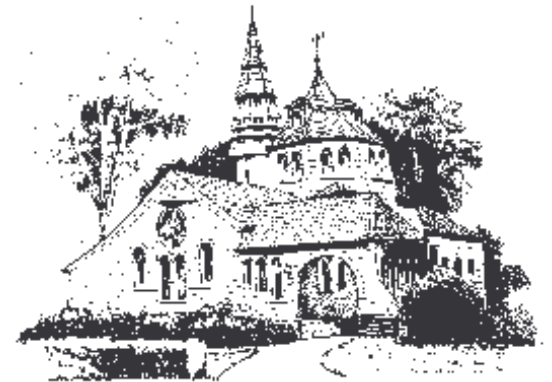
Date Approved _____

by Worship Commission: _____

Deposit Received: _____



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