

A marriage of Christians is more than a wedding. A marriage of Christians is a solemn celebration and blessing of the Church upon a man and a woman whose intention it is to create a holy union of two people, a relationship in which they hope to reflect God's love in their lifelong faithfulness to each other. Therefore, the Church does not "perform weddings." What the Church does is celebrate, solemnize, and bless the union of a man and a woman who intend their marriage to be a covenant of love and faithfulness.

The Church sees in marriage an event of divine revelation. God reveals himself when a man and a woman make a total commitment to each other, when they embrace in sexual union, when they become parents and rear a family, when their marriage becomes a life of love, cooperation, and mutual support within the often harsh competitive relationships of the world. The marriage of Christians, therefore, is more than merely a social and legal event.

Those who want to be married at St. Paul must first consult with the Pastor. Couples intending to be married shall contact the pastor, preferably six months but no less than three months, before the wedding date.

If music is to be a part of the wedding, it is our preference that the parish organist be the organist. If an organist other than the parish organist is desired, he or she must be approved by the Pastor and the parish organist. Financial arrangements between the wedding party and organist other than the parish organist are made at their discretion.

Music selected for a wedding should embody high standards and in general reflect the praise of God. The music must be planned with the pastor and organist and included as part of the rehearsal.

The wedding party are expected to refrain from using alcoholic beverages before both the rehearsal and the wedding.

Please inform your guests that no pictures are to be taken during the ceremony. Videotaping of the wedding may be done only with prior approval of the pastor.

There is no smoking or alcohol allowed in the church building.

All weddings at St. Paul are to be under the supervision of the Pastor. Exceptions are:

- If one of the parties has a family member who is a minister.
- In rare cases, the pastor and congregation of another church in our area requests to use the facility.
- The Pastor will be away at the time of the wedding.

### **Fee Schedule for non-members**

Use of Nave (Includes rooms for dressing)	\$150
Organist/Pianist	\$150
Pastor	\$100



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