

Flowers

Flowers may be left in the church and will be used for the following Sunday. Please notify the church of this intention so that an acknowledgment may appear in the Sunday bulletin. Following the Sunday Worship services the floral arrangements will be delivered to hospitals, nursing homes, and/or shut-ins.

Music

Music must be arranged with our Director of Music who will have final say on the music used. Recorded music will not be allowed. The theme of all music should be the glory and praise of God and not the glorification of romance and love.

Photography

It is permissible to take pictures in the Sanctuary, but please understand that a wedding ceremony is a time of Worship. We ask that you refrain from using flash photography during this time.

Rice and Other Substances

Rice, bird seed, and confetti are difficult to clean from the carpets and sweep from the walks. The throwing of these items is discouraged at the church as they can be extremely dangerous underfoot, especially on stairs.

Video

Video cameras must be mounted on a tripod. They must be turned "on" prior to the beginning and may not be moved during the service. No extra lighting will be used.

Marriage License

In South Carolina you can obtain a marriage license in any county seat in the state. There is a twenty-four hour waiting period between the time you apply for a license and the time the license is issued. A word of caution: The marriage license bureau considers the twenty-four hour period as the full day between the day you apply for the license and the day you pick it up. If you apply for the license on Monday, the twenty-four waiting period is Tuesday, and you can pick up the license on Wednesday. It should be brought to the church at the rehearsal and given to the pastor.

**NO WEDDINGS WILL BE PERFORMED
WITHOUT A LICENSE.**

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Weddings

AT

**SUNRISE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



The Rev. Dr. Vance E. Polley
Pastor

The Wedding Ceremony As a Worship Service

Marriage is a sacred ceremony. When you, as a couple, exchange your vows and promises you are inviting God, as well as friends and family, to witness your commitment to one another. In the wedding ceremony you will be making a public declaration of your intentions to build a life together.

The Minister and Director of Music are pleased to help you design a ceremony in which we will worship God, celebrate your joyful occasion, and witness the creation of your “new family.”

Inviting Other Ministers to Participate

It is presumed that the Minister of Sunrise will conduct the service.

If you wish to have another Minister assist in the service an invitation will be extended by the Minister of Sunrise. The visiting Minister must be an ordained Minister of a congregation in correspondence with Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Church Seating

The Sanctuary seats approximately 375 people.

Reservations

Reservations for the use of the church facilities must be made through the church office.

Weddings will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis for both members and non-members according to availability and discretion of the Minister.

Before your wedding date can be placed on the church calendar you must pay the deposit and schedule a time for the two of you to meet with the Minister.

Charges

Use of Facility: the fee for non-members is **\$700**. It includes:

use of the sanctuary
rooms for the bridal party

Minister: An honorarium of **\$300** for the minister includes counseling, rehearsal, and the wedding ceremony.

Director of Music: Our Director of Music will play for the wedding, unless other arrangements are made with both the Director and the Minister. The fee for the Director is **\$200**. Consultation and the wedding ceremony are included. Additional charges may be necessary for time spent in excess of the norm.

Cleaning Staff: The fee for the cleaning of the church is **\$125**.

Fees apply to the status of membership at the time of the request and not at the time of the wedding ceremony

Receptions at Sunrise

Our Fellowship Hall is available for receptions, including use of the kitchen areas.

Arrangements for the use of the Fellowship Hall for a wedding reception must be made through the church office.

The fee for the use of the Fellowship Hall is **\$500**. There is an additional **\$100** cleaning fee. A deposit of **\$100** is required and will be applied to the total amount due.

Payment

A **\$100** deposit must be paid before the wedding reservation can be put on the church calendar. This deposit is not refundable. However, it will be deducted from the Use of Facilities fee.

Any remaining balances/payments are due no later than thirty (30) days prior to the ceremony.

General rules

No alcohol is permitted anywhere in the church or on church grounds.

No smoking is permitted in the building.

No food or beverages allowed in the Sanctuary.

Candles

If candles are used, care should be taken to protect the carpet. Mechanical candles are preferred. The church does not own candelabras, candle lighters, or unity candles.

Decorations

Decorations are to be in good taste and in compliance with fire ordinances. Nails may not be used in any location. Tape may not be used to secure markers to pews.

Candelabras, furniture, etc. brought in for the ceremony must be removed immediately following the ceremony by the florist or members of the wedding party.

The church is not responsible for any items left behind after the ceremony.