

Peace Church Wedding Policy

Last Revised, April 2024

Since a wedding is a very significant event in the lives of people, we offer the following procedures and services.

Our Mutual Agreement

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1. Couples unable to meet these criteria, yet desiring to be married at Peace Church or by a Peace Church pastor, are invited to meet with a pastor and/or elders to discuss their particular situation.
 - a. Couples must be Christians, not sexually active, and at least one individual a member of Peace Church.
 - b. If one or both person(s) has been married before, their union must conform to the biblical teaching on divorce and remarriage (Peace Church holds to the biblical teachings that remarriage is only permissible following a divorce caused by adultery or abandonment by a nonbeliever (which includes abuse).
2. Because we value marriage, in preparation for your wedding, the following elements are required:
 - Couples must complete at least three sessions of pre-marital counseling.
 - Couples must complete the online pre-marital assessment (This fee is \$35 per couple).
3. Couples who desire to be married at Peace Church must make all wedding arrangements by contacting the Church Office.
 - a. Couples must supply your own wedding décor, as the church does not have décor to rent or use.
 - b. Only church staff may move church property, such as, monitors, video and sound equipment, and power cords.
 - c. You may secure your own musician, or you may contact the church for suggestions.
 - d. Groups must be confined to the areas that have been designated to them. The contracting party shall be responsible for all damage to building and equipment. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the church.
 - e. Peace Church is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items of wedding guests.

- f. Saturday weddings are permitted, however; the church is to be cleared of all persons and equipment/decorations by 3:30 PM.
 - g. Weddings are not able to exceed 140 people and are only able to be held in our Chapel.
 - h. Peace Church is not available for Wedding Receptions.
4. Upon confirmation with the pastor and church staff that the wedding date has been approved, the signed mutual agreement page must be submitted. The wedding is then officially placed on the staff calendar.
5. Please note that the Wedding Policy is reviewed periodically. Policies and Fees are subject to change if a wedding is booked more than one year in advance.
6. All fees are to be paid by check, made out to each recipient, and submitted to the Peace Church office no later than two weeks prior to the rehearsal. The office will see to the distribution of the checks to the appropriate persons

Required Wedding Fees

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Pastoral Honorarium: \$150

- This cost covers planning and officiating at the wedding ceremony.
- Check payable to officiant.

Pre-Marital Sessions: \$200

- This cost covers pre-marital sessions.
- Check payable to pastor.

Wedding Contact: \$100

- This cost covers coordinating day of plans on-campus.
- Check payable to day-of staff.

Chapel Rental: \$100

- Seating up to 140 people. Covers custodial services relating to set-up/cleaning

Sound and Video Technician: \$200

- This cost covers services such as (but not limited to) music, videos, audio played before and during the service.
- Check payable to day of staff.

Optional Wedding Fees

Video Technician: \$150

- For the recording of the Wedding Ceremony.
- Check payable to day of staff.