

You're Getting Married!

Congratulations on your approaching wedding! We believe marriage is a holy sacrament ordained by God.

We also believe relationships are important and one of the most important relationships you will have is with each other.

Therefore we are committed to supporting those who are a part of the Grace Church congregation and regular attenders as they embark on this journey together with practical support, pre-marital counseling, and the tools to help you have a successful marriage.

It is our honor to help prepare you for this lifetime experience.

This brochure will assist you in your preparations as you plan the details of your special day.

Please Note* Because the wedding rehearsal and ceremony are under the jurisdiction of Grace Church, your ceremony and all involved should reflect Christ-centered conduct.



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Wedding Policy



**“For this reason a man
will leave his father and
mother and be united to
his wife, and the two will
become one flesh.”**

Ephesians 5:31

Planning Your Wedding

First Steps

Step 1 – Fill out the required *Wedding Information Questionnaire* and the *Room Reservation Request* at GraceHudson.org. You may either submit these online or mail them to the church office, Attn: Weddings.

Step 2 – Once all the required information is received, you will call the church office (978-562-8550) and set up an appointment with a pastor to discuss your wedding plans including: choice of officiating pastor, choice of Wedding Coordinator, registration for the pre-marital course, taking the Prepare and Enrich Inventory, facility needs and sanctuary set up, wedding fees, and guidelines, etc.

Step 3 – You will attend your upcoming required pre-marital course. Sessions are from 6-8 weeks.

Step 4 – You will complete the required Prepare and Enrich Inventory. This inventory is an in-depth questionnaire that includes a personal workbook helping to identify the strengths you bring into the relationship along with growth areas you can work on.

Fees & Guidelines

Payment of Fees: All payments are due and must be paid in full at least one week prior to your wedding date.

Pastor Honorarium: \$200 suggested and payable to the officiating pastor.

Wedding Coordinator: \$200 required and payable to the coordinator.

Sanctuary Use: \$200 required and payable to the church.

Custodial: Weddings after 2:00 PM on Saturday will be assessed a \$100 surcharge required and payable to the church.

Sound Tech: \$100 required and payable to the individual.

Music: \$100 - \$300 each and payable to the individual or individuals. It is the responsibility of the Bride/Groom to make arrangements for all music. Music should be cleared by the officiating pastor. Referrals of individual soloists, musicians, etc. can be made upon request.

Prepare & Enrich: \$35.00 required.

Check List of Things to Do

- ✓ Complete the steps listed in this policy brochure which include scheduling your pre-marital course, pastoral pre-marital counseling, and completing the Prepare and Enrich Inventory.
- ✓ Remember to obtain your marriage license and bring it with you to the rehearsal or give it to the officiating pastor before that time.
- ✓ Purchase your unity candle, aisle runner, or other supplies. Note – No other candles are permitted.
- ✓ Print your programs/order of service bulletins.
- ✓ Pay additional fees in full for contracted services.
- ✓ Meet with a trained evaluator to process your *Prepare and Enrich Evaluation*.
- ✓ Finalize the rehearsal and ceremony details with the officiating pastor.
- ✓ Make arrangements for flower delivery and photographer to connect with the Wedding Coordination on the wedding day.