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WEDDINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1250 Watson Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

We welcome you as you join your lives in Christian marriage. Your ceremony in the church is an act of worship reflecting beauty and majesty. It is expected that the standards and requirements of the church will be observed, thereby providing satisfaction and joy.

In coming to the church, you seek the blessing of Christ upon your marriage. That blessing is given in the confidence that your new relationship will lead to the establishment of a Christian home. A strong marriage is created by keeping God's purpose central in your lives. Joy and hope come from the love of Christ when He is allowed to direct your ways.

The following information is offered to help in your planning and to make possible a ceremony that is both Christian in nature and joyful.



COUNSELING

The wedding will be scheduled only when the minister of the church has given his approval of the ceremony. The couple should make themselves available for as many sessions as may be required to resolve all matters relating to the marriage and the wedding ceremony.

It is the responsibility of the couple to schedule a conference with both the Director of Music and the Wedding Coordinator at least one month prior to the date of the wedding.

PERFORMING THE CEREMONY

A minister of The First Presbyterian Church shall perform the ceremony. At the request of the couple, a guest minister may be invited by the host pastor to assist. Approval by the Session is required for a minister other than the pastor to conduct a wedding without the participation of the latter.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The license to marry must be delivered to the minister at the time of the rehearsal or earlier. A marriage ceremony will not be performed without the license in hand. The couple is cautioned to observe the time elements required by the state so that no hindrance develops. An appropriate wedding certificate will be provided by the minister.



ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Floral decorations may be placed in the sanctuary, but restraint is to be exercised in the amount and placement of the decorations. The couple should discuss their plans with the minister well in advance of the ceremony.

SILK FLOWERS ARRANGEMENTS

There are arrangements available. We will need to know in advance if you wish to use one of our arrangements.

BRASS SIDE VASES

Brass side vases are also available for your own arrangements of silk or fresh flowers.

If you will be leaving the flowers for the church service on Sunday, please notify us so that we may acknowledge the gift in the Sunday bulletin. Prior notification of at least one month is requested. Please call 773-9609.

PEW CLIPS FOR BOWS

Decorations may be placed on the center aisle pew ends. Care must be taken that the furnishings of the church will not be damaged; therefore, we require that clips be used if you plan to put bows on the pews. The clips may be obtained from the sexton ahead of time and should be returned to the church as soon as possible after the wedding. There are 36 pews or 18 rows of pews on each side of the center aisle. Often, bows are attached to only the first pews for the family or to every other pew.

CHANCEL CANDLES

Brass candlestick holders are available with large white candles. If the mothers are lighting candles as part of the service, these may be used as the family candles.

UNITY CANDLE

There is a large white unity candle available for your use. We also have white tapers available for use in lighting the unity candle.

SANCTUARY CANDELABRA

We will furnish two 9-candle candelabra for use at the ceremony. The bridal couple must supply the eighteen, dripless standard 12” tapers for these candelabra. Colored candles may be used. Other style candelabra are available at rental centers.

WINDOW CANDLES WITH HURRICANE GLOBES OVER BRASS CANDLESTICKS

The couple may provide their own color of candles. There are eight units counting one at the entrance. The candles must be drip-proof.

PEW CANDELABRA

If you wish to use pew candelabra (may be used on the first 3 pews only), they may be secured from a rental center.

AISLE RUNNERS

This item is available from the florist or a rental center. It is 60 feet from the chancel to the narthex and an additional 15 feet to the front door.

KNEELING BENCH

We have available a white wrought iron kneeling bench with a padded cushion.

FLOWERS

BOUTONNIERES, CORSAGES, AND BOUQUETS

We will also have someone available to see that all flowers are pinned on. Be sure that they are labeled.

DRESSING FACILITIES FOR THE WEDDING PARTY

Appropriate facilities are provided for the bride, groom, and their attendants. Plan to arrive no earlier than two hours prior to the ceremony-but please notify us your planned arrival.

If you wish to have beverages (soda pop, coffee, tea, etc.), there is a small kitchenette in the area where you will dress. Alcohol is not permitted on the premises or in the building; smoking is only permitted outside the building.

Women of the church will assist and will supply an ironing board, rack for formal length dresses, mirrors, and etc. Please inform us of your colors so that we may have the appropriate colors of thread available.

Please feel free to use these conveniences; however, all rooms utilized should be cleared of all personal possessions following the ceremony. The church is not responsible for personal property left in the building.

GUEST BOOK

There is a stand available, and we can supply a fancy pen. Do you have a person in charge of that book?

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photography which disrupts the ceremony is not allowed. **Flash shots are not permitted during the service.** Video camera is permitted in the balcony only. The couple is asked to instruct the official photographer, family, and friends of these policies.

PROGRAMS

If you are having programs, who is responsible for distribution?

RECEIVING LINE

A receiving line may be formed in the narthex of the church or on the front walk. The throwing of rice, confetti, or any other such material is prohibited in the church building or on the premises.



MUSIC

When a keyboardist is required, the Church Keyboardist will play for the ceremony. A guest organist may be invited but only upon written request to and approval of the Worship and Music Team of the Session. The couple is expected to counsel with the Director of Music regarding the music and should contact him at least one month prior to the wedding to arrange a music conference. All music must be approved by the Director of Music, including music performed by guest organists and other musicians.

Remember that the wedding ceremony is a sacred service and that the music should be chosen accordingly. The Processional, Recessional, and Pre-service music should reflect the dignity and sacredness of the occasion. Texts both Biblical and non-Biblical for any vocal music should refer to God's love and our love for God as well as for each other.

Music from motion picture sound tracks, popular vocal music, and country western music are not appropriate in a church **wedding** ceremony, and it is recommended that this music be performed at the wedding reception. CD recordings as a substitute for "live" musicians are permitted upon consultation with the Director of Music.

Please consider the following list "MUSIC FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES" for suggestions.

MUSIC FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES

Processional

Aria in F Major	Handel
Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin)	Wagner
Canon in D	Pachelbel
*Crown Imperial	Walton
Gavotte (Holberg Suite)	Grieg
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J. S. Bach
*Fanfare in D (Masterpiece Theater Theme)	Mouret
Solomn Processional (Water Music Suite)	Handel
St. Anthony Chorale	Brahms
*Trumpet Tune	Swann
*Trumpet Tune and Air in D	Purcell
*Trumpet Voluntary in D	Clarke
*Trumpet Voluntary in D	Stanley
Wedding Processional	Near

Recessional

Allegro Maestoso and Hornpipe (Water Music Suite)	Handel
Allegro Pomposo	Roseingrave
Hymn to Joy	G. Young
Psalms 19 and 20	Marcello
Rigaudon	Campra
The Rejoicing (Royal Fireworks)	Handel
Tuba Tune in D	C.S. Lang
Voluntary in B-flat Major	Stanley
Wedding March (Midsummer Night's Dream)	Mendelssohn

(*) Denotes music also suitable for the Recessional

FEES AND HONORARIA

A church wedding necessarily incorporates the use of church facilities

and the assistance and guidance of professional individuals to serve you. The Session has determined the following fees schedule as of 2013.

Fees:

TOTAL FEES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS... Up to \$1,000.00
TOTAL FEES NON MEMBER.....\$2,550.00

For non-members, a non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 is due at the time of reservation and is applicable to the total fee required. Full payment is to be paid at least 1 week prior to the wedding date to the church office. 989-773-9609.

For members, a deposit of \$600.00 is due at the time of reservation and is applicable to the total fee required. Full payment is to be paid at least 1 week prior to the wedding date to the church office. 989-773-9609.

In the event that other clergymen or musicians are involved, the Fees will remain the same for First Presbyterian Church.

DATES TO REMEMBER

INTERVIEW:_____TIME_____

WEDDING CONFERENCE:_____TIME_____

WEDDING COMMITTEE:_____TIME_____

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:_____TIME_____

WEDDING REHEARSAL:_____TIME_____

WEDDING CEREMONY:_____TIME_____

NOTES

