



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Wedding Guide



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING MARRIAGE!

We are thrilled you have chosen Prince of Peace as the setting for this legendary event in your lives. Marriage is a big deal! We believe that marriage is a wonderful gift given to you by God as an expression of God's love for you. God wants to bless you as couple and help you to create a new family. The best foundation for a successful marriage is to create a wedding ceremony that places God in the center and sets the spirit and tone for all the years to follow. Prince of Peace's staff stands ready to assist you in making your wedding day an expression of your faith in God and your love for each other.

As you prepare for your wedding at Prince of Peace, we strongly encourage you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to seriously consider membership at Prince of Peace.

GETTING STARTED – BOOKING A DATE

Prince of Peace is a busy place. Your first step should be to contact the church office to check the calendar. The date and time for your wedding should be scheduled at least six months in advance in order to avoid schedule conflicts. This will also allow time for planning sessions with the staff and pre-marital coaching sessions with the pastor. A date and time will be guaranteed to you after the church has received a \$200 (non-refundable) deposit and a completed "Wedding Request Form."

PASTORAL GUIDANCE

In the vast majority of cases, weddings at Prince of Peace will be officiated by our pastor. Rev. Rick Sherrill has performed over 200 weddings during his 15 years in the ministry and considers it a high honor to walk couples through the process.

If you would like another member of the ordained clergy to officiate at your wedding ceremony at Prince of Peace, prior approval must be sought and granted by Pastor Rick before booking.

PRE-MARITAL COACHING

The process of being married at Prince of Peace is not just a matter of planning a wedding ceremony but also includes preparing you for a successful and fulfilling marriage. Pastor Rick offers personalized pre-marital coaching sessions using the "gold-standard" of marriage preparation tools – The Prepare/Enrich System. After completing a relationship assessment survey online, the results are compiled and form the basis for 3-4 coaching sessions designed to build your relationship skills. Topics include communication, children and parenting, financial management and conflict resolution. The cost is \$185.00 and includes all materials. This is one of the best investments you can make in your relationship.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

All weddings at Prince of Peace are assigned a wedding coordinator who will serve as your liaison throughout the planning process. In addition, the wedding coordinator will assist you in all logistical matters pertaining to your wedding rehearsal and wedding day, including our facility and equipment, decorating policies, vendor relations and coordination of church staff. The wedding coordinator also serves as the behind-the-scenes "master of ceremonies" on your wedding day (ie: making sure your procession comes off without a hitch!) Your assigned wedding coordinator will contact you at least two months prior to your wedding day to review logistics with you.

OUR FACILITY

Prince of Peace is pleased to offer a beautiful venue for your wedding day:

- Sanctuary with a center aisle (30ft. long) that seats 450 with 11 pews on each side
- Dressing rooms for both the bride and groom (and their attendants)
- A large multi-purpose room with an attached commercial kitchen for rehearsal dinners and receptions (dining capacity of 200)
- All rooms are fully wheelchair accessible
- Manicured grounds with multiple spots for great photos

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

A Christian wedding is a service of worship with God as the central focus. Everything in the ceremony (decorations, texts, music and actions) gives evidence that we are at worship, bringing our willing commitment before God for a blessing. While every wedding is different and should reflect your personality and values, this is a typical wedding ceremony at Prince of Peace:

Wedding Procession
Introduction and Prayer
Scripture Readings
Message
Vows and Rings
Pronouncement of Marriage
Symbolic Moment (Unity Candle, Pouring of Sand, Etc.)
Prayers
Presentation of the Couple
Recessional Music

A NOTE ABOUT MUSIC

Music can add great value and joy to your wedding. Music for your wedding can be either live or recorded but must be chosen with care and reverence. It must be high quality and reflect themes in Christian worship: the praise of God, the presence and blessing of God and God's great love for all people. Our resident organist/pianist does play for weddings if requested and will assist you in selecting great music. We can also recommend available vocalists and instrumentalists to fit your musical tastes. All decisions regarding music should be made in consultation with Pastor Rick.

FLOWERS, CANDLES AND DECORATIONS

The use of flowers can add a beautiful visual touch to your wedding. We have various flower stands for your uses. Flowers and other decorations can also be affixed to the pews as long as no tape is used. In addition to the two altar candles, we provide two matching 7-branch candelabras if you wish to use them. It is your responsibility to provide candles for the candelabras. If you wish to use a unity candle, you must provide it.

An aisle runner can be used and adds a stunning touch to the bride's entrance. White wedding paraments are available for use on the altar. Please discuss these details with your wedding coordinator.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Prince of Peace welcomes your wedding photographer(s) and videographer(s) of choice. Please instruct your photographer(s) to dress appropriately for the occasion. During the ceremony, the movement of your photographer(s) should be kept to a minimum. While your photographer(s) may not approach the altar during the ceremony, they are welcome to take pictures from the aisles and the balcony. Please note: The balcony is an excellent spot for your videographer to set up. We do not permit flash photography during the ceremony. Videotaping must be done without floodlights.

Your photographer can arrange for photo sessions both before and after the ceremony. Photography in the sanctuary must be completed 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.

SOUND AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

A sound technician will be assigned to each wedding to ensure high quality sound mixing. If recorded music is to be used during the ceremony, the wedding party should provide a single CD, with all the musical selections in order of performance. Prince of Peace has a video projection system that can be used during weddings to show a DVD or digital slideshow. This will require the hiring of a video technician to run the system.

REHEARSAL

The rehearsal, usually the evening before the wedding, is an opportunity to get a feel for how things will work at the ceremony and to get some of the nervous jitters out. It also serves as a time to answer questions for the many people involved. Please impress upon the participants in your wedding the importance of being prompt for the rehearsal. Rehearsals are scheduled for one hour.

WEDDING LICENSE

Please bring your wedding license to Pastor Rick at least one day before your wedding (perhaps at your rehearsal). Prince of Peace bears the responsibility of processing this document with the state.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 (deducted from your total bill) is required to guarantee your wedding date at Prince of Peace. Please remit your final payment at least one week prior to your wedding date.

Charges are based upon a standard 3-hour time block for the use of the sanctuary only. If you are interested in using Gangsei Hall for your rehearsal or reception, we will create a custom schedule of charges based on our current rental fees:

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See Pastor for charges.

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