

Your Wedding



TRINITY
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CHURCH

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*God is love,
and those who abide in love,
abide in God,
and God abides in them.*

I John 4:16

Congratulations on your engagement and God bless you as you prepare for your special day of exchanging your wedding vows.

We do not require that you be members of our church family in order to be married in our sanctuary. However, we do ask that marriages held at Trinity be designed as worship services, be led by pastors recognized by our church, and also be accompanied by pre-marital counseling. It is our joy to help you with these things in any way we can. Our wedding coordinators will give you all the information that is needed.

You are entering into a lifetime of vow keeping, and it will take a lifetime of good support along the way. God has given us the gift of the larger community of faith to be a source of wisdom and encouragement as we learn how to love one another the way God loves us. If you do not have a church home, please know that you are welcome at Trinity any time.

With you in Christ's love,

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COUNSELING

Once the wedding date is confirmed, the bride and groom should make arrangements for pre-marital counseling with a pastor or counselor of their choosing. Appointments may be made with a Trinity pastor by calling the church office (650-593-8226). This usually involves at least four meetings that are one to two hours in length.

THE MINISTER

Generally a Trinity pastor will officiate at weddings. If the family desires another minister to officiate or participate in the service, approval should be obtained through Trinity's wedding coordinator.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

Trinity's wedding coordinators will be happy to assist and advise you regarding details of the ceremony. You should contact a coordinator soon after your wedding date is confirmed. She will meet with the bride and groom to finalize the arrangements. (Please note that wedding receptions are not available at this time.)

Wedding Coordinator - Marcia Granucci, mgranucci@me.com

WEDDING EXPENSES

Where either the bride or groom is a member of Trinity and therefore shares regularly in the financial support of our ministry, there are no financial obligations for use of the sanctuary.

In such cases, total anticipated expenses are \$1,350.00 and include a pastoral honorarium (assuming use of a Trinity pastor), the services of the wedding coordinator, organist/pianist, and custodian.

Informal weddings, requiring only a “walk-in” use of the sanctuary, are available for Trinity members at no charge and may be coordinated with Trinity’s pastor. Informal weddings require

no rehearsal,
no floral preparation of the sanctuary,
no organist,
no custodial care, and
less than 30 guests.

A deposit of \$250.00 is required to confirm the wedding date. Please mail the deposit to the church office along with the completed wedding registration form. The balance of expenses is due to the wedding coordinator no later than the date of the rehearsal.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Use of Church Buildings

- ❖ On the day of the wedding, the sanctuary and Charter Room are open for your use for three hours, which includes pre-ceremony preparations, the ceremony itself, photography, and clean-up.
- ❖ Other church meeting rooms may be available with prior approval.
- ❖ Church buildings are designated “no smoking areas.” Those desiring to smoke are invited to use the patio area.

Flowers

- ❖ The bridal party should make arrangements for flowers. Our wedding coordinator can be contacted to make arrangements for delivery.

Music

- ❖ Trinity’s organist and pianist are topnotch and have the first right of refusal when keyboard music is desired. The wedding coordinator will communicate your selections or arrange for a consultation.
- ❖ We request that any music be in keeping with the spirit of Christian worship. Selections should be approved by the officiating pastor.
- ❖ A soloist, if desired, can be recommended by our coordinator. Fees for the soloist are not included in the wedding expenses.

Wedding Rehearsal

The date and time of the rehearsal should be scheduled when the wedding date is confirmed. The wedding rehearsal is scheduled for approximately one hour. Musicians do not typically participate in the wedding rehearsal.

Please bring your marriage license to the rehearsal. Our coordinator will ensure that the proper signatures are obtained on the day of the wedding and that the marriage license is mailed to the local registrar of marriages.

Members of the Wedding Party

We ask that the bride and groom please inform members of the wedding party of our policy on alcohol:

- ❖ Members of the wedding party should refrain from the use of alcohol immediately prior to the rehearsal and the wedding.
- ❖ No alcoholic beverages may be served or consumed on church premises.

Wedding Pictures and Videotaping

Since the wedding service is a worship experience, we ask that the bride and groom please inform the photographer, videographer, and guests of the following guidelines:

- ❖ Pictures are permitted as the bridal party processes and recesses down the center aisle. The photographer may stand in the center aisle approximately five rows from the back of the sanctuary, but should not block the aisle.
- ❖ All camera and video equipment in the sanctuary during the worship service must be stationary and mounted on a tripod.
- ❖ No special lighting.
- ❖ The camera should be noiseless as well as inconspicuous.

Please do not hesitate to call our wedding coordinator if you have further questions. We are here to help you on your special day.