



WEDDINGS AT FAITH

Congratulations on Your Engagement!

Soon after the engagement, please contact the pastor for an initial meeting to schedule premarital instruction and the wedding date. You must meet with the pastor at least three months before the wedding date. Couples should plan to meet with the pastor six times to receive premarital instruction; some work outside of class will be required. Additional preparation may be required for those who have been previously married and divorced.

Christian Marriage

“Almighty God established the bond and covenant of marriage in creation as a sign of the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and it is commended by Holy Scripture to be held in honor among all people” (Book of Common Prayer). Marriage is uniquely Christian when a man and woman truly seek God’s blessing on their wedding day and throughout their married life. Couples seeking marriage in the Church need to be attending Church. Christian Marriage is a sacred service of worship in which God joins one man and one woman in “a lifelong union” for their common mission in this world as stated in Genesis 2:24 and reaffirmed by the Lord: “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female’. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh” (Mark 10:6-8). All weddings at Faith Anglican Church are only for an active church member (or active non-member) and their intended spouse, and will be conducted in a Christian and reverent nature. All weddings conducted at Faith Anglican Church by its Clergy will be in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer and the church’s Statement on Marriage and Sexuality.

The Clergy

The pastor is in full control of the marriage service and rehearsal; no bridal consultant is needed. If assisting clergy from another parish or denomination is desired, be sure to discuss this with the pastor. The pastor will officially extend the invitation. “It shall be within the discretion of any member of the Clergy to decline to solemnize any marriage” (ACNA, Canon 7, Section 2). The Clergy may not violate the Canons of the Church or the bylaws of Faith Anglican Church.

Music

The couple should plan the music with the church Minister of Music as soon as possible for scheduling purposes. All music must promote Christian worship. A list of suggested music is listed below.

Previously Married?

If you have been divorced, you must bring a copy of your divorce decree to the first premarital instruction meeting. Readiness to remarry will be assessed by the pastor and permission must be granted by the bishop.

Marriage License

Be sure to get your marriage license within 30 days of the wedding. Contact the Shelby County Clerk's office at 545-4255. The county will give you a \$60 discount on your marriage license for completing your premarital instruction. Bring your marriage license to the rehearsal.

Use of the Building and Fees

The Altar Guild Directress will open the Church building two hours before the marriage service begins. The following fees may apply:

- If the reception is held at Faith, a \$100 fee is charged for cleaning up. Make your check payable to Faith Anglican Church, designated for Wedding Cleanup Fee.
- Hiring an organist/pianist and other musicians is the responsibility of the couple; our music director will be a great help. Fees will vary depending upon the musician.
- A \$35 fee is charged for the Prepare Inventory. Make your check payable to Prepare/Enrich.
- The pastor does not charge a fee, but often a gift toward his Discretionary Fund is given.

Photographs and Videos

Please encourage the photographer/videographer to take many of the photos before the wedding so the reception won't be delayed. During the service photos may be taken from the rear of the church building, as long as the photographer is not moving around in front of worshipers. No flash photos may be taken during the service. After the marriage service, photos may be taken in the church building. During the service a stationary video camera may be used from the rear of the church building.

Alcohol Policy

Wine or a wine punch may be served in appropriate quantities at the reception as long as a non-alcoholic alternative is available. The alcoholic beverage may only be served to those 21 years or older. If anyone should appear to have had too much to drink, the serving of alcohol will cease.

Assignments

Before your first premarital instruction meeting with the pastor, please purchase two copies of the book *Preparing for Marriage: Discover God's Plan for a Lifetime of Love* (2010 edition) by David Boehi. Read the assigned sections listed below, complete the exercises, and interact with your fiancé(e) to apply the material to your relationship. Come to the premarital instruction meetings with your books, prepared to share your discoveries and questions. Bring copies of your birth certificates to your first premarital meeting.

Premarital Instruction Meeting Topics

- _____ 1st Meeting—Introductory Meeting
- _____ 2nd Meeting—Christian Marriage
Take Prepare Inventory (Bring check)
- _____ 3rd Meeting—Review Prepare Inventory
Readings: *Preparing for Marriage* (Part One)
Review Bible Readings for Wedding
- _____ 4th Meeting—The Marriage Service
Readings: *Preparing for Marriage* (Parts Two & Three)
- _____ 5th Meeting—Final Instructional Meeting
Readings: *Preparing for Marriage* (Part Four)
Review Music Selections
- _____ 6th Meeting—Wedding Rehearsals

Names and Numbers to Remember

- Celebrant: _____
- Church Office 901-755-4848
- Minister of Music: _____
- Caterer: _____
- Photographer: _____
- Florist: _____

Dates to Remember

- Rehearsal Date and Time: _____
- Wedding Date and Time: _____
- Get Marriage License By: _____

Bible Readings for the Marriage Service

Four readings may be read, but only one reading is required. If Holy Communion is included, a Gospel reading is required.

Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-28 (Male and female he created them)

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24 (A man holds fast to his wife and they become one flesh)

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (Many waters cannot quench love)

Tobit 8:5b-8 (Apocrypha) (That she and I may grow old together)

Psalms

Psalms 45, 67, 127, or 128.

Epistles

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Love is patient and kind)

Ephesians 3:14-19 (The Father from whom every family is named)

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33 (Walk in love, as Christ loved us)

Colossians 3:12-17 (Love which binds everything together in harmony)

1 John 4:7-16 (Let us love one another, for love is of God)

Gospels

Matthew 5:1-10 (The Beatitudes)

Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light . . . Let your light shine)

Matthew 7:24-29 (Like a wise man who built his house on the rock)

Mark 10:6-16 (They are no longer two but one)

John 2:1-11 (The wedding at Cana)

John 15:9-12 (Love one another as I have loved you)

Suggested Art Classical Music

Song	Composer
Hymne	Vangelis
Panis Angelicus	Franck
Ave Maria	Schubert
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Ode to Joy	Beethoven
Winter: Largo	Vivaldi
Air on a G String	Bach
Trumpet Concerto	Torelli
Messiah: Pastoral Symphony	Handel
Trumpet Voluntary	Clarke
Trumpet Tune	Purcell
Canon in D	Pachelbel
Alleluia	Mozart
Waltz in A Flat	Brahms
Piano Quintet in E Flat Major	Schumann

Suggested Traditional Christian Music

Song	Composer
O Perfect Love	Barnaby
The Church's One Foundation	1982 Hymnal
Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us	1982 Hymnal
All Creatures of Our God and King	1982 Hymnal
The Gift of Love	Child Ballad
When Love is Found	Child Ballad
Morning has Broken	1982 Hymnal
I am the Bread of Life	1982 Hymnal
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	1982 Hymnal
On Eagles Wings	Joncas
Let Us Break Bread Together	Newton
The Lord's Prayer	Robertson/Brahms
Now Thank We All Our God	1982 Hymnal
For the Beauty of the Earth	1982 Hymnal
Amazing Grace	1982 Hymnal
I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry	Ylvisaker
How Great Thou Art	Hines

Suggested Contemporary Christian Music

Song	Composer
I Will Be Here	S. Curtis Chapman
In Christ Alone	Getty
The Heart of Worship	Redman
You Raise Me Up	Groban
How Great is Our God	Tomlin
Sanctuary	Scruggs
I Give You My Heart	Morgan
Breathe	Michael W. Smith
Take My Life (Holiness)	Underwood
I can Only Imagine	Mercy Me
Forever	Tomlin
The Prayer	Sager/Foster
How Beautiful	Twila Paris
There is None Like You	Leblanc
Here I Am to Worship	Hughes
Beautiful One	Hughes
Deep in Love With You	Michael W. Smith
How He Loves	Crowder
Lord Reign In Me	Leblanc
Potter's Hand	Hillsong
Blessed Be the Name (in the Land)	Redman