

MARRIAGE POLICY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male and female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen. 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Christ's Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Christ's Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Christ's Church in any capacity, or who serve in leadership positions as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hatful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Christ's Church.

FACILITY USE POLICY

The church's facilities were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members. The church desires that its facilities be used for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and to bring God glory. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, we make our facilities available to approved non-members as a witness to our faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice.

But facility use will not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices that conflict with the church's faith or moral teachings, which are summarized in, among other places, the Bylaws. Nor may church facilities be used for activities that contradict, or are deemed inconsistent with, the church's faith or moral teachings. The Executive Pastor, or his official designee, is the final decision-maker concerning use of church facilities.

This restricted facility use policy is necessary for two important reasons. First, the church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to its faith. Allowing its facilities to be used for purposes that contradict the church's beliefs would be material cooperation with that activity, and would be a grave violation of the church's faith and religious practice. (2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

Second, it is very important that the church present a consistent message to the community, and that the church staff and members conscientiously maintain that message as part of their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Allowing facilities to be used by groups or persons who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the church's faith would have a severe, negative impact on the message that the church strives to promote. It could also cause confusion and scandal to church members and the community because they may reasonably perceive that by allowing use of our facilities, the church agrees with the beliefs or practices of the persons or groups using its facilities.

Therefore, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. Nor may church facilities be used in any way that contradicts the church's faith. This policy applies to all church facilities, regardless of whether the facilities are connected to the church's sanctuary, because the church sees all of its property as holy and set apart to worship God.

FACILITIES

The chapel will seat 350 people. The chapel wing will be reserved for the weddings of members and regular attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. **Non-member Christians must reserve at least 6 months in advance.**

FEES

Members: \$250

Non-Members: \$600

The fee covers the use of the chapel, dressing rooms, and custodial fee. Receptions are not hosted at Christ's Church. Arrangements for additional rooms must be confirmed separately and will involve additional fees.

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due when submitting your signed Wedding Agreement form. The remaining balance, plus any other fees, must be given to the wedding coordinator prior to the rehearsal.

STANDARD FEES

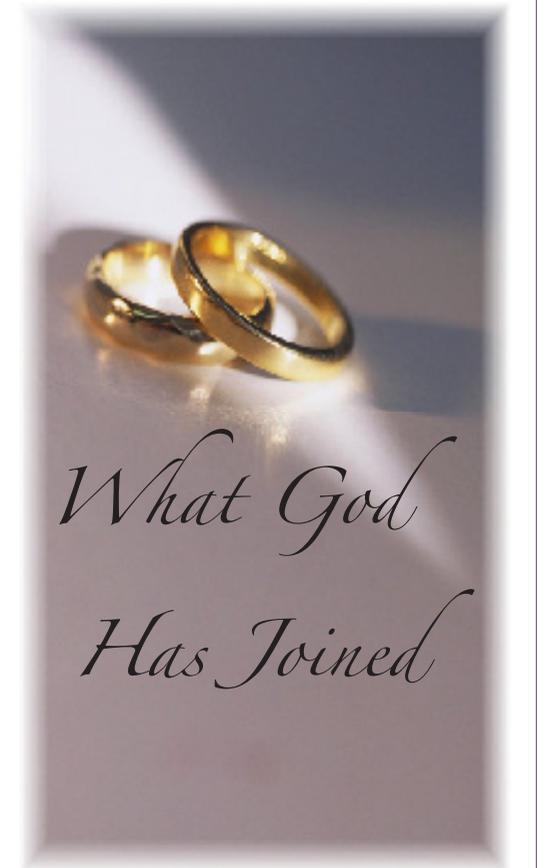
Minister: \$300 (includes two counseling sessions and ceremony) must be paid to the Pastor at time of counseling.

Sound/Multimedia Technician: \$50

Candelabra: \$30

Except for the Pastor's fees, all fees can be written in one check and paid prior to the rehearsal.

Wedding Guidelines



*What God
Has Joined*

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CHRIST'S CHURCH - CHAPEL WEDDING AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to all the wedding guidelines as stated in this brochure. I am including a \$100 nonrefundable deposit and understand that by doing so Christ's Church will secure the date I have requested.

Member _____ Regular Attender _____ Non-Member _____

Bride _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Email _____

Groom _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Email _____

Wedding Date _____ Time _____ Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

CC Minister performing the ceremony _____

If not requesting a CC minister, please include your minister's name and phone number:

Minister _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Amount _____
Check Number _____
Date Received _____

2. Because there are many activities in our building, you will be allotted a **four-hour** time slot in which to prepare for and complete the ceremony on your wedding day. There will be no weddings scheduled later than 7:00 p.m.

3. If furniture in the rooms or lobby is moved, you are responsible to return it to its original location.

4. Decorating the chapel is the responsibility of the wedding couple. Any decorations that the couple wants to keep must be removed immediately following the ceremony or they will be removed and discarded by the custodian.

5. Candelabras and aisle candelabras are available to use for a fee of \$30. The church will provide the candles for the candelabra.

6. You will receive a wedding set-up form from the wedding coordinator. That form must be filled out and returned three weeks prior to the wedding.

7. Because a Christian wedding is more than a social event, all participants are to conduct themselves in a decent, orderly, and worshipful manner.

8. Miscellaneous:
NO RICE OR CONFETTI is to be thrown on church property.

BIRD SEED OR BUBBLES, if used only outside, is acceptable.

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED within all church buildings.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES may be consumed anywhere on church property.
Any person under the influence of alcohol will not participate in the wedding.

It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to inform all members of the wedding party of these policies.

SOUND, LIGHTING, AND MULTIMEDIA

All sound, lighting, and multimedia must be performed by a CC technician - no exceptions. A technician will be assigned for your wedding. The wedding coordinator will have this information for you.

VIDEOGRAPHY

Videotaping of weddings is allowed only if it is stationary. All photography and videotaping must be done in such a way as to not distract from the spirit of worship.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Couples being married at Christ's Church are required to participate in premarital counseling sessions. This may be provided by one of our ministers, or at his discretion, an outside counselor. This will be determined during the couples' initial meeting with the minister. If you choose an ordained minister from another church, this must be approved before the date is secured on the church calendar. In addition, we will need a letter from this minister verifying that you have participated in premarital counseling with him.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **After we receive your deposit**, your wedding date will be placed on the church calendar. The wedding coordinator will contact you to answer any questions you may have. There will be no weddings scheduled later than 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! Here at Christ's Church, we consider a wedding to be more than an event. Marriage is a beautiful picture of what our relationship with God is intended to be: unselfish, worshipful, and eternal. As you consider using our facility for your wedding, please be mindful that we want to be good stewards with the facility God has given to us. It is with these thoughts in mind that this policy has been devised. Your adherence to the guidelines in this policy will ensure that your wedding ceremony is meaningful, and will enable us to honor God with our facility.

HOW DO I BEGIN THE PROCESS?

Call Carol Comer at the church office (513-229-3202) to check the availability of a wedding date. If you agree with the wedding guidelines as stated in this brochure, please

(1) make an appointment with Carol Comer to tour the facility,

(2) fill out and sign the attached agreement form.

Once the agreement form and deposit have been submitted, the date will be secured on the church calendar.

MUSIC

Since the wedding service is a Christian service of worship, the music selected must be appropriate to Christian worship. You are responsible for contacting musicians and making financial arrangements with them. If solos or anthems are sung, the words should focus attention upon the covenant love of God, which is the foundation and example for the love of husband and wife together. **All music** selected will be subject to the approval of the pastor.