



St. Andrew: A Community of Faith in Action

St. Andrew Wedding Guidelines

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to be involved in your wedding! Attached are some things that may help you in your planning. After looking this over and completing the attached form, please return that form to the church office or directly to the pastor performing your ceremony. God's blessings on your wedding and thank you.

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Commonly Asked Questions in Wedding Planning:

What wedding times and days are O.K.?

You must book your wedding date and time well in advance

Is there a fee for the wedding?

It is appropriate that you give honoraria for those who are assisting with the planning and implementation of the funeral service. The following range may help you decide how much is right for you.

Church Musician \$150.00 to \$250.00
Pastor \$250.00 to \$350.00 (with rehearsal)

Is pre-marital counseling required?

If the couple would like to participate in pre-marital counseling, they should speak to the Pastor. It is not required. Most couples meet with the Pastor for three (3) meetings.

I have a friend who can perform the ceremony, is this permitted?

It depends. Please speak with our Pastors. In some cases, our Pastor will co-lead the wedding ceremony with another ordained minister.

May we have wedding rice, balloon release, confetti, fireworks, doves?

We strongly discourage these activities as they impact the environment. Most couples no longer practice these activities. Rice and balloons pollute the environment. Attractive bird seed is an appropriate option.

Who arranges for the wedding license?

Couples must secure a license in the state of Rhode Island, at the Town Hall. This will be signed by the Pastor and mailed by the church after the wedding ceremony.

Who arranges for flowers?

The couple is encouraged to contact local florists and arrange for their own flowers. Some suggestions include: Kenyon Ave. Florists in Wakefield (789-9381) and Broadview Floral in Westerly (322-0390) and Shoreline Florist in Charlestown (364-1858). The florist should be informed that the church will be open 1 hour prior to the wedding.

May I have a photographer/video recorder film the ceremony?

Yes, this is allowed.

Will there be a wedding rehearsal?

Many weddings today do not require a rehearsal. This information can be covered during the third meeting with the Pastor. However, if a rehearsal is necessary please make arrangements for this to be scheduled with the Pastor and Director of Music.

Who provides the printed wedding programs?

We encourage couples to prepare their own wedding programs.

SUGGESTED WEDDING CEREMONY

This is provided as a guide. It may be adapted and altered in consultation with the Pastor.

Procession

Welcome

Wedding Prayer

Musical Selection (optional)

Reading or lessons

(suggested Bible readings include:)

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| Genesis 1: 26-31 | Genesis 2: 18-24 | |
| Psalm 33 | Psalm 100 | Psalm 150 |
| 1 Corinthians 12: 31- 13:13 | John 2: 1-10 | |

Reflection by the Pastor

Wedding Vows (you may write your own or use these words)

I take you _____ to be my wife/husband from this day forward to join with you and share all that is to come and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

Exchange of Rings

Unity Candle or other “Unity Event”

Prayers & Blessing

Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Introduction of the couple & Kiss

Recessional