



Settings Available

There is a beautiful, traditional sanctuary for larger and more formal services; and there is a simple but lovely chapel for smaller less formal services. However, the choice need not be made solely on the basis of numbers attending, but upon a variety of personal considerations.

- The sanctuary has a) 18 pews on each side b) a center isle 54' long & 5' wide c) seats 300.
- The chapel has a) 10 pews; 6 on one side and 4 on the other side. Each one being 6' long b) center isle of 24 ½' long and 4' 8" wide c) seats 44

Whatever choice you make, we ask that you treat the facilities of the church with the same care and respect with which they were lovingly provided by the congregation, and will remind the other members of your party to do the same.



SCHEDULING

- One half of total fees are due at time of scheduling. (non refundable)
- Damage deposit due at time of scheduling. (refunded if no damage is incurred)
- Remaining fees are due thirty (30) days prior to the rehearsal date.
- Cancellation must be made at least 30 days prior to the wedding in order to refund the damage deposit.
- There will be only one sanctuary wedding scheduled on any given weekend. Schedule priority will be determined by the date and time of the deposit.

PASTOR'S ROLE

The senior pastor will be in charge of the wedding service. Should you want to ask another pastor to assist or perform in the service, approval would have to be granted by our pastor.

ORGANIST AND WEDDING MUSIC

Because the wedding service is a worship service, the musical selections should be in keeping with this theme. Special music requests will attempt to be honored with sufficient advance notice and approval of the organist and pastor. **Initial contact must be made as soon as the date is scheduled.** The organist's fee covers the wedding, the wedding rehearsal, and a musical consultation meeting for selection of appropriate music. It should be remembered that the musicians provided by the church are professionals. They have been trained in music. For any additional rehearsals with the organist, outside of what is listed above, appropriate charges will be incurred. If the couple desires their own organist or the regular organist is unavailable, prior approval of the outside organist must be obtained from the Central Christian Church organist and the pastor.

-- A list of alternate organist is available from the church office.

AUDIO SYSTEM

If the audio system is used it will be operated by one of Central Christian Church operators. Any use of private sound equipment must be pre-approved by a Central Christian qualified operator. Blank CDs and batteries will be provided by Central Christian Church.

Sound or Audio System Operator fee includes: rehearsal with musicians*, wedding rehearsal, wedding service and audio CD of wedding service. *Rehearsal with organist is not required. Rehearsal with most instrumentalists can be a brief sound check immediately prior to, or after the wedding rehearsal. Rehearsal with vocalists using taped music is strongly suggested. A satisfactory balance of the voice and tape cannot be expected without rehearsal. Rehearsal with vocalists using instrumental music is also recommended, for the same reason. **Initial contact must be made as soon as the date is scheduled.**

Weddings

Are Worship Services...

Christian weddings are worship services for the following reasons: sacred vows are exchanged in the sight of God; you ask God's blessing upon your union; and you invite the faith community to share in your joy and happiness. A Christian wedding is a combination of personal joy and spiritual reverence.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We consider an active member to be someone who has attended at least six times per year or has financially supported the church within the last two years. If you currently have a parent or grandparent who has active status you may be considered active status.

WEDDING HOSTESS

For all weddings there is a member of Central Christian Church, who will be at your rehearsal and wedding, helping you use, find, or turn on whatever you need, and answering questions. The hostess will need to meet with you at least once for consultation before your rehearsal.

CUSTODIAN

Custodial services will be provided by Central Christian Church.

FLORIST

Ordinarily the florist will provide flower arrangements, candles, and an aisle cloth (if you choose to have one). If you choose to rent candelabra you must also rent the chase candles. (Chase candles are a metal outer shell with small wax driplless candles inside.) Only chase candles are allowed to be used in any candelabra in the sanctuary. If you plan to use the communion table, a Bible or a unity candle may be used. However, no large floral arrangements are acceptable on the communion table.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The camera and video photographers need to clear their activities prior to the rehearsal with the minister. Keeping in mind the spiritual atmosphere of the worship service, flash photos will only be allowed during the processional (from the middle pew area), and the recessional (from the narthex). **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Photographers will be allowed to take non-flash pictures during the ceremony from the balcony or at the back of the center isle in the Narthex.

PROTOCOL

In order for a wedding to be held at Central Christian Church some protocol must be followed. You are responsible for your guests and their behavior. You will want to make sure that they know exactly what the protocol is.

1. Smoking is prohibited in the church building.
2. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the church building and on all church property.
3. Controlled substances are strictly forbidden.
4. Please distribute birdseed or bubbles outside the church building (NO rice please!)

It is the responsibility of the wedding party to arrange for the care of their property before, during, and after the ceremony. Leave all valuable personal belongings and gifts in the care of parents, friends or attendants during the service. The church cannot be responsible for lost or stolen articles.

The marriage is so much more important than the wedding. We encourage you to keep your plans simple, to concentrate on the religious significance of the ceremony, and to avoid getting carried away with exterior trappings. Relax and enjoy! This is not a show.

When God is consciously asked into the process as you enter into the adventure of marriage, you become "joint heirs of the grace of life..." (1Peter 3:7)

RECEPTION

Church receptions are available through our Hospitality Committee. All receptions must be pre-approved by the Central Christian Church Hospitality chairperson and none will begin after 6:00 p.m. (Receptions must be completed with all persons out of the church by 9:00 p.m.) Rehearsal dinners are available for church members only



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Here is what you need to know to make your wedding a meaningful worship experience.



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