

Wedding Handbook



Resurrection Lutheran Church

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A Wedding & Marriage: A Pastor's Perspective

Weddings in the Christian church are unique worship experiences that beautifully mark a couple's entrance into a lifetime union. They are also opportunities to seek God's blessings, give thanks for God's goodness, and celebrate the loving companionship of friends and family who are present.

A "church wedding" reaches far beyond simply a "wedding in a church." In a holy and somewhat mysterious way, the wedding creates time and space for solemn promises to be made between two people and the God they serve. Christians make these promises to one another in faith and cling to the promise of a faithful God who will love and support them in their life together. These promises are best lived out in relationship with others – the Christian community – who encourage, support, love, challenge, and hold one another accountable.

It seems to take a village to make a wedding. In thinking through your list of participants, it's important to remember that, since a wedding involves the people of God gathered in worship, the pastor is the final authority in its implementation.

Please know that the pastor will always be open to your ideas and suggestions and will work with you to make sure that your wedding will suit your individual needs and tastes, while maintaining a sense of worship and praise.

You are encouraged to be personally involved in the selection of music for your wedding. While individual needs and tastes vary, we want to be cognizant of the worshipful nature of the wedding service and strive to maintain our focus on God and God's promises.

As you know, there are many other items that need to be discussed, including flowers, photographers, rehearsals, candles, facility use, receptions and fees. Most of that information is outlined in this handbook, but please know that the Wedding Coordinator and pastor will be more than happy to provide guidance in any way possible.

The pastor, Wedding Coordinator, the church staff and the entire congregation offer our best wishes as you take this exciting, faithful and joyous next step in your journey together.

And now ... the Marriage

Your wedding service will be a wonderful experience that celebrates your new life together, your life with Christ, and the joy and love found in community. What ultimately matters, however, is your marriage. Planning for your wedding should never distract from planning for your marriage – cultivating and nurturing the love

that will carry you through thick and thin in the years to come. It begins with God's blessing through the church and is lived out in a unique relationship of love, trust, faith, and endurance.

With that in mind, St. John's requires all couples to participate in Pre-Marriage Counseling with our pastor. Through the counseling process, you will be challenged to look carefully at yourselves, individually and as a couple. You will be invited to take a full assessment of your relationship, reviewing your strengths and exploring potential problem areas. The process includes 3-4 sessions with the pastor. Pre-Marriage Counseling should begin at least three months before the wedding ceremony and is arranged by contacting the pastor.

Planning Your Wedding

When planning a wedding, your first responsibility is to consult with the Office Administrator and complete a Marriage Request Form (see page 18). Please note that the facility is not reserved until a date has been cleared with the pastor. A more detailed form will need to be completed at a later date, which will include the scheduling of your Pre-Marriage Counseling.

Please note:

- Pre-Marriage Counseling is required for all weddings at Resurrection.
- Weddings are not scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent unless pre-approved by the pastor.

The following will be helpful in planning your wedding at Resurrection:

1. MARRIAGE SERVICE

The Service: The Marriage Service that is part of Evangelical Lutheran Worship is printed on pages 10-11 of this handbook. The celebration of Holy Communion is *optional* in the wedding service. If Holy Communion is desired, all those in attendance will be invited to receive the Sacrament.

Music: Since the marriage service is a service of worship in the church, the music used in, before, or following the ceremony should embody the same high standards aspired to in other services of worship in the Lutheran Church. Whenever music is employed in the service, and by whatever instruments or voices, it should be a high-quality example of musical composition. It should not cloud communication of the content and worshipful mood of the service with musical triteness or associations bordering on sentimentality. The selections should always be within the ability of the performer to play or sing with assurance. A number of musical options are possible as part of the wedding music: organ, instrumental music, vocal or instrumental solo, ensemble, choral music, congregational hymns, or music employing a combination of these media.

NOTES ON MUSIC:

- Most weddings include 15 to 30 minutes of prelude music.
- As soon as the wedding date has been set with one of the pastors and scheduled by the church office, the Minister of
- Music should be consulted by the bride. The Wedding Director will be happy to assist the couple in choosing suitable music for the wedding service.
- While it is not necessary for the Minister of Music to be the organist for the wedding, the Wedding Director is responsible for the music and musicians used.
- Guest musicians must always receive instruction from the Minister of Music before using the organ or any other of the church's instruments.

- Soloists should be instructed in proper dress for the occasion. As the soloist will normally be in full view of the congregation throughout the ceremony, a choir robe or a garment that blends with that of the wedding party is appropriate.

Dress: Attire sets the atmosphere. Dress may be either formal or informal. Wedding attire for participants should always be in good taste. Two basic factors should be observed: (a) the marriage service is a worship service, and (b) the church is a house of worship. The attire should enhance the meaning of the service and not detract from it.

Marriage License: Bring the license to the pastor on the day of the wedding rehearsal so it is present the day of the wedding.

Fees: Fees must be received by the church office at least two weeks before the wedding.

Marriage Record: Following the marriage service, witnesses are asked to sign the marriage license. After a church officer registers the pertinent information in Resurrection's church records, the license is sent to the Coweta County Register of Deeds. Legal copies of the certificate can be obtained from the Register of Deeds.

2. REHEARSAL

All wedding participants, including parents, grandparents and honorees, should be present and arrive on time for the rehearsal.

The Wedding Coordinator and pastor are in charge of the rehearsal.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FACILITIES & PARTICIPANTS

Facilities: Two places are available for weddings: the sanctuary and the pavilion. The seating capacity for the Sanctuary is approximately 200 and the seating capacity for the pavilion is approximately 60. The desired space must be reserved at the church office with the Office Administrator and approved by the Pastor. All dates and arrangements for weddings or wedding receptions should be made with the office administrator who will consult with the pastor.

Pastor: Depending on availability, weddings will be conducted by the pastor of Resurrection. If you wish to invite the pastor (and spouse) to be present at your rehearsal dinner or wedding reception, please extend that invitation as early as possible. If you wish to have a guest minister officiate the service, arrangements must be made through the pastor of Resurrection.

Wedding Coordinator: All weddings at Resurrection will be coordinated by our Wedding Coordinator. At their earliest convenience, the Wedding Coordinator will

make an appointment with the couple. They will communicate church policies, conduct the wedding rehearsal, and assist during the ceremony.

No later than six weeks before the wedding, the bride will meet with the Wedding Coordinator to make arrangements for use of the church facilities and liturgical appointments (candelabra, kneelers, etc.). Forms on pages 18-19 must be completed and returned at that time.

Acolyte(s), Banner Bearer, Crucifer, Torch Bearers: These worship assistants are optional. The couple may ask relatives or friends to serve in this capacity or request assignment from the Worship Committee Chair. All worship assistants not trained by the church must be at least 13 years of age and be present for training at the rehearsal.

Flower Person & Ring Bearers: It is strongly recommended that anyone serving as the flower person and/or ring bearer be at least 5 years old.

To Invite the Congregation: When all members of the congregation of Resurrection are invited to a wedding, the invitation may be printed in the church newsletter. Your invitation must be submitted to the church office six weeks before the wedding.

Request for Prayer: It is customary that the wedding couple will be included in Resurrection's prayers the Sunday after the wedding.

Photographs, Audio Tapes, Video Tapes: Once the service begins, photography and video filming may be done discretely. No flash cameras or auxiliary lighting may be used in the sanctuary during the service. The wedding party may pose for pictures in the church before or after the service.

It is strongly encouraged that most photography remain stationary for the duration of the service. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM TO INFORM THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER OF THESE REGULATIONS.

Decorations: Our sanctuary has been designed as a place of dignified beauty for all church services. Therefore, elaborate decorations are not necessary. Because of the sacred nature of the altar, any decorations should be arranged in such a way that the attention is directed toward the altar, not away from it.

The following regulations are given to preserve to safeguard sanctuary furnishings:

Arrangements should be made with the Wedding Coordinator to open the church for the florist on the day of the wedding. All decorating must be completed two hours before the wedding.

No decorations will be placed on the altar. No one may move anything on the altar or change altar linens.

Floral arrangements of freshly cut flowers or silk flowers may be placed on the flower stands on either side of the altar only.

No tacks, pins, nails, or glue may be used to fasten any decorations or aisle cloth to the furniture or building.

Candelabra, aisle candles, and a kneeling bench are not owned by the church and it is the responsibility of the couple to arrange for use of those from another church.

No furniture, fixture, or ornamentation of the Sanctuary, Pavilion or Fellowship Hall may be introduced without the consent of the Wedding Coordinator.

The furniture and floor must be fully protected at all times from moisture and candle wax. The decorator will be held responsible for any damage done to the building or furniture and is responsible for cleaning dripped wax from the floor and furniture.

No glitter may be used inside or outside of the three worship spaces.

Arrangements must be made to remove all decorations from the building immediately after the wedding, especially on a Saturday so that the Sanctuary will be ready for worship the next day.

Please contact the Wedding Coordinator with any questions or requests for further information.

Dressing Room 1: For weddings, the Conference Room is used for one of the parties to get dressed and prepared for the ceremony. The room provides space for dressing and a large mirror is available in addition to comfortable seating, and a table.

Dressing Room 2: For weddings a second, but smaller dressing room is available. The room provides space for dressing, a table, and comfortable seating.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION

Fellowship Hall / Pavilion: Upon request, the Fellowship Hall or Pavilion is available for a reception after the wedding. The Wedding Coordinator will assist

with the physical arrangement of the room when the couple elects to have the reception at the church.

Decorations: As they are applicable, the same rules that are specified in the arrangements for the wedding also apply to the reception.

No rice or birdseed may be thrown.

No alcoholic beverages may be served or consumed on the church premises.

OTHER REGULATIONS

Smoking is not permitted on church property.

As a church policy, alcohol is not permitted onsite.

Under no circumstances may any member of the wedding party come to the rehearsal or the wedding under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Intoxicated individuals will not be permitted to participate in the wedding service.

All fees must be paid according to schedule before the wedding.

SIGNATURES

By my signature, I have read and agree to the above regulations.

_____ Partner 1 Signature Date: _____

_____ Partner 2 Signature Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Options for Your Wedding Service

The following follows the general outline found in our worship book, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Option 1). Within the service you will notice a variety of options from which you are free to choose. Following this example is another service you may find useful (Option 2). If there are any questions about the service itself, please speak with the pastor.

OPTION 1

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE

The assembly stands as the ministers and the wedding group enter.

Music — hymn, song, psalm, instrumental music — may accompany the entrance.

NOTE: The congregation's responses are in bold.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other with the following exchange:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The minister addresses the couple in these or similar words, asking each person in turn:

_____, will you have name to be your wife/husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him as long as you both shall live?

Response: I will.

The minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.
Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for name and name in their life together?

Response: We will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the following or another prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich name and name with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are read. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels. Responses may include a Psalm in response to a reading from the Old Testament, a sung acclamation preceding the reading of the gospel, or other appropriate hymns, songs, and psalms.

SERMON

A hymn or solo may be sung.

VOWS

The couple may join hands. Each promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words.

OPTION 1A:

I take you, name, 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.

OPTION 1B:

In the presence of God and this community,
I, name, take you, name, to be my wife/husband;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love
and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow.

GIVING OF RINGS

OPTION 1A:

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

OPTION 1B:

Name, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow.
With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.
Name and name, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly,
have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife.
Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

A hymn, solo, or other music may follow.

MARRIAGE BLESSING

The couple may kneel. The presiding minister may extend a hand over the couple
while praying for God's blessing in the following or similar words.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ
to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross for our
sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit pour out the abundance of your blessing on name
and name. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love
be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their
foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in
their work and in their companionship; in their sleep- ing and in their waking; in
their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in
your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

If the couple desires, communion follows, beginning with the sharing of the peace. For specifics about a service with Holy Communion, speak with the pastor.

A service without communion continues as follows.

THE 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.

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The couple kisses. Then the pastor introduces the couple to the congregation:

It is my privilege to introduce to you _____ and _____.

The congregation may respond with applause.

The pastor sends the congregation forth with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung or instrumental music played as the wedding group and the ministers depart.

OPTION 2

ENTRANCE MUSIC

GREETING:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Congregation is seated

We have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of _____ and _____, to surround them with our prayers, and to share in their joy. The scriptures teach us that the bond and covenant of marriage is a gift of God, a holy mystery in which two become one. As _____ and _____ give themselves to each other today, we can be confident that Christ is with us, as well, eagerly welcoming us into a celebration of God's love for us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich name and name with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who gives _____ to be married to _____?

SYMBOLIC APPROVAL

I invite family members to stand and offer their blessing and encouragement. (stand) Will you do your best to honor this new family - to nurture, sustain, and bless them as they begin their new life together?

We will.

The family is seated.

To the rest of you: friends and extended family members. Will all of you, by God's grace, do everything in your power to uphold and care for _____ and _____ in their life together?

We will.

READINGS

HOMILY

Hymn, solo, or other music may be sung

MARRIAGE PROMISES

_____ and _____, if it is your intention to share with each other, your joys and your sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.

(To Partner 1) _____, will you give yourself to this woman as her husband? Will you be faithful to her? Will you love and honor her, offering her encouragement and companionship; and will you live with her and cherish her, as Christ leads you in the bond of marriage? (Answer: I WILL)

(To Partner 2) _____, will you give yourself to this man as his wife? Will you be faithful to him? Will you love and honor him, offering him encouragement and companionship; will you live with him and cherish him, as Christ leads you in the bond of marriage? (Answer: I WILL)

Wedding party moves to the altar.

VOWS

To Partner 1: (_____, repeat after me.)

Partner 1: _____, I pledge to you on this our day, my eternal love before God, our family and our friends. I do promise to celebrate with you life's victories and to console you in life's defeats. I give you my hand to hold as we begin this journey together. I will be your helpmate, your companion and your friend through all the days of our lives. I will be faithful to you, honor you and with God's guidance now become your husband.

To Partner 2: (_____, repeat after me.)

Partner 2: _____, I pledge to you on this our day, my eternal love before God, our family and our friends. I do promise to celebrate with you life's victories and to console you in life's defeats. I give you my hand to hold as we begin this journey together. I will be your help-mate, your companion and your friend through all the days of our lives. I will be faithful to you, honor you, and with God's guidance, I now become your wife.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

To Partner 1: _____, take this ring and place it on the wedding finger of _____ and repeat after me...

Partner 1: _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of my faithfulness and devotion,

because I love you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To Partner 2: _____, take this ring and place it on the wedding finger of _____ and repeat after me...

Partner 2: _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of my faithfulness and devotion, because I love you. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

_____ and _____ have declared before God and before you that they will live together in marriage. They have made sacred promises to each other, and they have symbolized these promises by joining hands and by exchanging rings.

I therefore pronounce them husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

Hymn, solo, or other music may be sung here Holy Communion may be celebrated here The bride and groom kneel

PRAYER

Let us pray. Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your grace upon _____ and _____ that they may fulfill their vows they have made this day and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other. As members with them of the body of Christ, use us to support their life together; and from your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, love toward You, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to Your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The bride and groom stand

BENEDICTION

Now may God Almighty grant you his light and his truth to keep you all the days of your life. May the hand of God protect you and his holy angels accompany you throughout your journey together. May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share with you abundant grace today and forever more. Amen.

The couple kisses. Then the pastor introduces the couple to the congregation:

It is my privilege to introduce to you _____ and _____.

The congregation may respond with applause. The pastor then sends the congregation forth with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung or instrumental music played as the wedding group and the ministers depart.

ALTERNATE WEDDING VOWS

1. I take you, (name), 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.

Lutheran Book of Worship, 287

2. (Name), I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being.
3. I take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you, and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.
4. I take you, (name), to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come, as long as we live.
5. I, (name), in the presence of God and these witnesses, take you, (name), to be my wife/husband.

All that I am I give to you
and all that I have I share with you.

Whatever the future holds,
I will love you and stand by you, as long as we both shall live. This is my
solemn vow.

6. I, (name), take you, (name),
to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse, for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,
till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance;
and thereto, I plight thee my troth.

7. I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded wife/husband to have and to
hold from this day forward
for better, for worse
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance;
and to you I pledge myself truly with all my heart.

8. I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded wife/husband; and I do promise
and covenant before God and these witnesses; to be your loving and faithful
husband/wife;
in plenty and in want;
in joy and in sorrow;
in sickness and in health;
as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: (choose 1)

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 2:18-24

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Song of Solomon 8:7

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms: (choose 1)

Psalms 33

Psalms 100

Psalms 117

Psalms 127

Psalms 128

Psalms 136

Psalms 150

New Testament: (Choose 1)

Romans 12:1-2

Romans 15:5-6

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Ephesians 5:21-33

Gospels: (Choose 1)

Matthew 19:4-6

John 2:1-10

SUGGESTED HYMNS

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

648 – Beloved, God's Chosen

312 – Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

839 – Now Thank We All Our God

488 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

816 – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

836 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

308 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

732 – Morning Cry

Marriage Request Form

Please complete this form with as much information as you have at this time. Please note that the reservation is not complete until you have been contacted by the Office Administrator.

Upon receipt of this form, please return a completed copy within one week to:

Resurrection Lutheran Church
1250 Lora Smith Road
Newnan, GA 30265

Please make a copy for your records.

Wedding Date(s) Requested: _____

Partner 1
Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Home Congregation (if not RLC): _____

Partner 2
Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Home Congregation (if not RLC): _____

Best Day(s) / Time(s) for Premarital Counseling _____

Facility Requested for Wedding Ceremony:

Sanctuary Pavilion Other _____

Reception

On Site Circle One: *Pavilion* *Fellowship Hall*

Off Site Location _____

Rehearsal Date _____ Time (takes 1 hour) _____

Number of Anticipated Guests: _____

Would you like to donate your flowers for worship the Sunday following your wedding? Yes No (must be removed following wedding)

Guest Pastor(s) (if any): _____

Denomination / Religious Affiliation: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Partner 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Partner 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

Date Approved: _____ Approved By: _____

Notes:

Marriage Information Form

The information below will be used to prepare the worship space for your wedding. It is a working document for the Wedding Coordinator and Office Administrator and must be returned to the Office Administrator SIX WEEKS prior to the wedding.

Wedding Party

Maid / Matron of Honor: _____

Best Man / Men: _____

Number of Bridesmaids: _____

Names: _____

Number of Groomsmen: _____

Names: _____

Flower and/or Ring Bearer: _____

Acolyte: _____ Crucifer: _____

Partner 1 Grandparent(s) and/or Parent(s):

Partner 2 Grandparent(s) and/or Parent(s):

Partner 1 Sibling(s):

Partner 2 Sibling(s):

Wedding Group Arrival Time: _____

Estimated Number of Guests: _____

Florist: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Photographer: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Videographer: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Will you need a bulletin / program created? Yes No
Outline must be approved 4 weeks prior with pastor and Office Administrator.

Will you want your service streamed to social media? Yes No

Couple's Future Address: _____

Other Notes / Information:

Photographer / Videographer Agreement

This form must be completed and returned six weeks prior to wedding date.

Please note: Once the prelude begins, photography and video filming may be done discretely only. No flash cameras or auxiliary lighting may be used in the sanctuary during the service. The wedding party may pose for pictures in the church before or after the service.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUPLE TO INFORM THE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THESE REGULATIONS AND FOR THE FORM TO BE PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND/OR VIDEOGRAPHER.

Please note that the photographer's privileges will be revoked if these guidelines are not followed.

We have read and agree to the Wedding Guidelines for photographs, audio recordings and video recordings as outlined above.

Photographer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Videographer's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Wedding Fees

The following fees recognize our non-pastoral staff for their personal/professional services or reimburse the congregation for actual costs of a wedding. For more information, please contact our Office Administrator.

Payment for services to be presented two weeks in advance of wedding.

For Active Members* of Resurrection

Sanctuary Ceremony	\$300
Pavilion Ceremony	\$150
Fellowship Hall (reception)	\$25/hour
Pavilion (reception)	\$20/hour
Pre-Marital Counseling	\$100
Pastor Honorarium	\$200
Wedding Coordinator	\$100
Musician	\$100
Soloist	\$50/song
Cleaning Fee	\$100**

**Please Note: An active member is defined as a person who has communed and financially contributed at least one time in the current calendar year. Children or grandchildren of active members may also be considered for the active member status.*

***Please Note: Cleaning is the responsibility of the wedding couple / attendees. A cleaning fee will be assessed if additional cleaning is required to restore the church back to original condition.*

For Non-Members of Resurrection

Sanctuary Ceremony	\$500
Pavilion Ceremony	\$250
Fellowship Hall (reception)***	\$50/hour
Pavilion (reception)	\$40/hour
Pre-Marital Counseling	\$100
Pastor Honorarium	\$300
Wedding Coordinator	\$150
Musician	\$150
Soloist	\$50/song
Cleaning Fee	\$150**

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****Please Note: This fee does not include renting tables, chairs, and other materials owned by the church. Please see rental fees for items below.*

And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest of these is Love.

– 1 Cor 13:13 –