

YOUR WEDDING

At Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church (LCPC), weddings are occasions of joyous worship. The deep commitment you will make to live out your vows under the grace of God in the presence of God's congregation makes your wedding a very special time of worship. The staff of our church is ready to assist you by explaining these standards of worship and determining how they relate to the special plans you have for your wedding.

SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

One of the LCPC Pastors will officiate at all weddings. The availability of the officiating Pastor and the facilities must be confirmed. The staff will reserve the church facilities after you have confirmed the date with the Pastor and the Wedding Coordinator. Requests for visiting clergy to participate in (and/or conduct) the wedding should be made known to the officiating LCPC Pastor.

Weddings are not scheduled on any Sunday or Saturday immediately preceding Easter or Christmas. They are also not scheduled on Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day or Easter weekend. Saturday weddings are to be held no later than 7:00 p.m.

Premarital counseling is *required* before the wedding. It is your responsibility to call the Pastor for an appointment. Premarital counseling is intended to help you understand the significance of a Christian marriage, to formulate your wedding service, and to discuss your life together as a married couple.

Non-members may schedule a wedding up to two months in advance only. No more than two non-member weddings shall be accepted per month. This is done to allow the Pastors time to meet other church obligations.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

The Wedding Coordinator is a member of the church who will work with the Pastor and bridal party to oversee the arrangements and details of your wedding service. All questions about arrangements, facilities, fees and procedures should be referred to the Wedding Coordinator, who is dedicated to helping you achieve a perfect wedding.

YOUR MARRIAGE SERVICE

All weddings conducted in our church are Christian worship services, therefore, the liturgy and structure of your wedding must conform to the standards of worship at LCPC. The Pastor will provide you with examples of the marriage service and will discuss with you any additional elements of the worship which might make your marriage service more meaningful, i.e. congregational prayers, scripture, hymns or sermon.

The church does not provide marriage service bulletins, however, the order of service will be provided for you well in advance for printing purposes.

The marriage license must be obtained from the County Clerk. You should plan to obtain the license at least one week before the wedding. ***Your marriage cannot be performed until three days have elapsed from the time you obtained the license.***

WEDDING REHEARSAL

The officiating Pastor will be present for the wedding rehearsal. All rehearsals will be at 5:30 p.m. the day preceding the wedding date. If other arrangements need to be made, please be sure to check with the Wedding Coordinator.

THE CHURCH FACILITIES

Weddings are normally held in the Sanctuary which can seat as many as 550 people. The Conference Room is available for use by the bridal party as a dressing room. The groom and best man may use a designated room. The Fellowship Hall may be used for the wedding reception if you wish. The guidelines for its use are available from the Wedding Coordinator. The church custodial staff will be scheduled for cleanup by the Wedding Coordinator.

Please note: Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church is a smoke-free and alcohol free campus.

MUSIC – Organist/Soloist

Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church's church organist will play for weddings and be present for the rehearsal (if requested). The music selected should be appropriate and worshipful in nature. The Minister of Music can make available a suggested list of organ and/or vocal music appropriate for weddings.

The Minister of music must be notified *at least six weeks in advance of the wedding date*. If special music is requested, she must be informed well in advance (*more than six weeks*), especially if you have a friend or relative in mind as soloist/instrumentalist. Please note that if the family prefers a different musician, the church organist shall still be entitled to receive the same compensation to which she would have received had she provided the music. Final decisions regarding musical selections shall be made by the Minister of Music in consultation with the Pastor.

Our Minister of Music is Myra Wooden and can be reached at (386) 677-4076, extension 106.

FLOWERS AND DECORATION

The Wedding Coordinator must be consulted about your plans for decorating the Sanctuary. Decorating is limited to the day of the rehearsal and the day of your wedding. Thumbtacks, nails, screws, etc. are not to be used anywhere in the church. Runners are not allowed.

Flowers – If you choose a florist other than the church's regular florist, arrangements must be made with the Wedding Coordinator or church office for flower delivery. No flowers or decorations may be placed on the communion table or baptism font. Florists will be expected to remove rented items from the

Sanctuary immediately after the service. Arrangements may be made for floral decorations to be used in upcoming church services and then taken to shut-ins.

Candles – If candles are used, they must be spring loaded and dripless. If special candles are to be used (i.e. pillar candles), their placement must be discussed with the Wedding Coordinator before the rehearsal. The maximum size for pillar candles is four inches in diameter. Candles for every guest is limited to our congregation’s Christmas Eve Candlelight Service only.

Please remember: No rice, sunflower seeds or bird seed may be scattered anywhere in the church or on the church property.

PHOTOGRAPHY

No photography may be used during the ceremony with the following exceptions: one time exposure may be taken from the back of the Sanctuary or in the Narthex during the ceremony. If pictures of the processional are to be taken, the photographer should be positioned four rows from the back of the Sanctuary only. Ushers are requested to inform camera-carrying wedding guests of the No Photography request.

Video recording of the ceremony is permitted using available light and with equipment in a predetermined, stationary, unobtrusive location, as designated by the Wedding Coordinator.

Concerns regarding photography or any other matters about your wedding day should be referred to the Wedding Coordinator.

FEES

Non-member use of the Sanctuary	\$700.00	Organist accompanying fee	\$ 25.00
Member use of the Sanctuary	300.00	Sound Tech	75.00
Organist	200.00	Sexton (clean up)	150.00
Soloist	100.00	Minister fees	300.00
Church vocalist	100.00		

There will be an additional charge for large weddings (over 250 people).

*Extra fees will be at the discretion of the Minister of Music

Should you want a small, informal marriage service, with only the pastor and a few witnesses, a greatly reduced fee can be discussed with the Pastor.

Please make fees payable to LCPC (Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church) one month prior to the wedding date. A reminder will be sent with an envelope provided.

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