

# GREEN HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WEDDING BROCHURE



AN HISTORIC CHURCH  
SERVING GREATER WILMINGTON AND THE BRANDYWINE AREA  
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GENERAL INFORMATION IN PREPARATION  
FOR A WEDDING

The marriage service is one of the great services of the Christian Church and we look forward with joy to working with couples to arrange a service which is right for them. The marriage service is, of course, an act of worship. It is an occasion in which, in the context of the praise of God, the wisdom and counsel of the Scriptures, and the power of prayer, two persons exchange promises and seek God's blessing on their union.

As you plan your wedding ceremony, the following information is provided to assist you. The church staff is here to assist you as well, and they stand ready to provide you help in preparing for your wedding day.

1. Weddings at Green Hill Presbyterian Church will be performed for members of the church and their families as well as friends of the church. The Date and time for the wedding (and rehearsal) should be set as early as possible.
2. The couple should arrange for a first appointment with the minister who is to conduct the ceremony no later than two months in advance of the wedding ceremony. Usually the minister will meet with the couple on three occasions to plan the service and to provide basic counseling.
3. In addition to meeting with the minister, couples are encouraged to seek additional counseling with a professional marriage counselor.
4. If you wish to include another minister, priest, or rabbi, please let us know so that we can extend an invitation to that person.
5. When music is desired, the church organist is to be consulted and will play the organ and/or piano. The bride and groom should make an appointment with the organist in order to plan appropriate music for the service of worship.
6. Decoration of the church is under approval and direction of the coordinators. Flowers and ribbons may be hung (by loops) on pews down the aisle, on the candle sconces, or windowsills as long as no tacks, staples, glue, or tape is used. The Christian sacramental symbols, baptismal font and communion table, may not be moved or obstructed. Candles for sconces and unity candles are supplied by the wedding party. No other candles or open flames are permitted in the sanctuary.
7. The use of rice, rose petals, confetti, birdseed, etc. is prohibited either inside or outside the church.
8. The pastor will conduct the rehearsal. The organist will assist with music. The wedding coordinators will be present to help clarify certain procedures. The entire wedding party is to be at the rehearsal.

9. Please present the marriage license to the pastor no later than the day before the wedding.
10. Your wedding photographer may take **non-flash** photographs during the service from the back of the church. Video cameras may be used in a stationary position with **NO LIGHTS**. Video Cameras should be placed in such a way that they are not a distraction; thus they should not be in clear view of the congregation. Please check with the minister before the service regarding placement. It is important that photographers remain stationary during the service, because movement will draw attention away from the service itself.
11. A wedding bulletin may be provided by the wedding party. All bulletins should include the following notes:

Flash photos are not permitted during the ceremony. Posed photos may be taken following the service.
12. The church seats approximately 200 people maximum. The aisle is approximately 30 feet long (approximately 20 seconds of walking time).
13. On the day of the wedding, all members of the wedding party are to be at the church at least one half hour before the ceremony. Ushers and greeters should arrive an hour before the service to welcome guests and assist with seating.
14. The sanctuary will be closed one hour after the wedding is over.
15. The order of service will be determined in consultation with the officiating minister. A sample order of service is included in this brochure.

The church staff wants to do everything possible to make your wedding day as memorable, safe, and joyful as possible. Thorough preparation and good communication with the church staff is essential in the months and weeks prior to your wedding. Please call the church office if you have any questions or need clarification about information provided in this brochure.

## GENERAL ORDER FOR MARRIAGE SERVICE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

(HYMN)

QUESTIONS OF INTENT

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION OF PARENTS

READING(S)

(HYMN)

REFLECTION

VOWS

RINGS

PRAYERS

PRONOUNCEMENT

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

USAGE GIFTS

	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER</u>
Use of Sanctuary	\$ 0	\$ 300.00
Administration & Supply	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Organist	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Wedding Consultants	\$ 0	\$ 200.00
Pastor	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
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Total	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,050.00

Checks for the use of the building facilities should be made payable to Green Hill Presbyterian Church and presented to the minister by the day of the rehearsal.

Checks for the pastor should be presented at the time of the rehearsal and made payable to the pastor.

Checks for the organist should be presented at the time of the rehearsal and made payable to the organist.

Checks for the wedding coordinator should be made payable to Green Hill Presbyterian Church and presented to the coordinator by the day of the rehearsal.

The member usage schedule applies only to those who are members of the church at the time of their application.