

**TO ASSIST YOU IN  
PREPARATION FOR YOUR  
WEDDING, THE FOLLOWING  
WILL BE HELPFUL:**

1. Attend a Sunday Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church 10:00 a.m. **Complete as much as you can on the enclosed wedding application and return it with a \$100 deposit. (Non-members only).** When you return the application to the church office, the wedding date will be set aside on the church calendar and the application sent to the Session for approval.
2. Upon approval, you will be notified by the church office and dates set for future counseling. If the minister is convinced after discussion with the couple that commitment, responsibility, maturity, or Christian understanding are so lacking that the marriage is unwise, the minister shall assure the couple of the church's continuing concern for them and not conduct the ceremony. In making this decision the minister may seek the counsel of the session.
3. When getting married, the bride and groom will be given an opportunity to design their worship service and choose the wording of their marriage vows, Scripture, and other elements of the service during an appointment with the pastor before the wedding date.
4. The bride and groom are responsible for making an appointment with the church's Director of Music to discuss wedding music: (732) 462-0374. The Director of Music will serve as organist for all wedding services held at the First Presbyterian Church.
5. The pulpit and communion table may not be removed or obstructed. No physical changes will be made to any part of the sanctuary unless approved by session.
6. **MEMBER FEES:**

\$200 Music Fee (extra if soloist requested).  
\$750 Pastoral Fee  
\$100 Late start deposit to be returned only if the bride and/or groom is not more than 15 minutes late for ceremony

\$ 25 Building Use Fee  
\$ 25 Custodian Fee

*(In order to qualify for member fees, either the bride or groom must be an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold for at least six months before the application is received.)*

**NON-MEMBER FEES:**

\$700 Building use.

*(\$100 of this fee is required with application.)*

\$100 Late start deposit to be returned only if the worship service is not more than 15 minutes late.

\$100 Custodian Fee

\$200 Music fee (extra if soloist requested).

\$900 Pastoral fee

**MEMBER AND NON MEMBER: All fees subject to change. All fees must be paid and received in Church Office one (1) week prior to wedding day and individual checks are required to be made payable as follows:**

**Building Fee: First Presbyterian Church**

**Music Fee: Mr. John Cavicchio**

**Custodian Fee: Cash preferred**

**Pastoral Fee: Reverend Gloria Yi**

7. Receptions in the auditorium may be arranged in consultation with the church office. Under no circumstances may liquor be served.

8. The marriage license must be applied for in the town where the bride lives if she is a resident of New Jersey, or the groom's hometown if he is a resident of New Jersey and the bride lives out of state. If both live out of state, apply in the town where the service is to be performed. The license, when

issued, is good for 30 days. A third person, 18 or over, must be present when applying for the license. If either has been divorced, the final decree papers must be presented at the time of application.

9. **The marriage license must be given to the Pastor before the wedding rehearsal.**

10. Cameras may be used **without a flash and video camcorders may be used without lights** if attached to a stationary tripod. Anything that may cause a distraction from the worship service will not be allowed, including movement with photographic equipment.

11. **No birdseed, confetti, or rice may be used.**

12. Nothing is to be tacked to the pews. Ropes or ribbons may be tied or taped. It is preferred that runners not be used.

13. The use of candles other than hurricane lamps at windows or church candelabra or wedding candle is prohibited. Use of hurricane lamps must be indicated on wedding application and approved by the Worship Commission. If lamps are used, a \$25.00 fee will be charged.

14. The use of **Alcohol is prohibited** prior to the Service and anywhere on Church Property.

15. **All doors must be shut when the wedding party leaves.**

*Please call the church office if you have any questions 732-462-0234.*

## **THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

Marriage is a gift God has given to all humankind for the well-being of the entire human family. Marriage is a civil contract between a woman and a man. For Christians, marriage is a covenant through which a man and a woman are called to live out together before God their lives of discipleship. In a service of Christian marriage, a lifelong commitment is made by a woman and a man to each other, publicly witnessed and acknowledged by the community of faith.

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