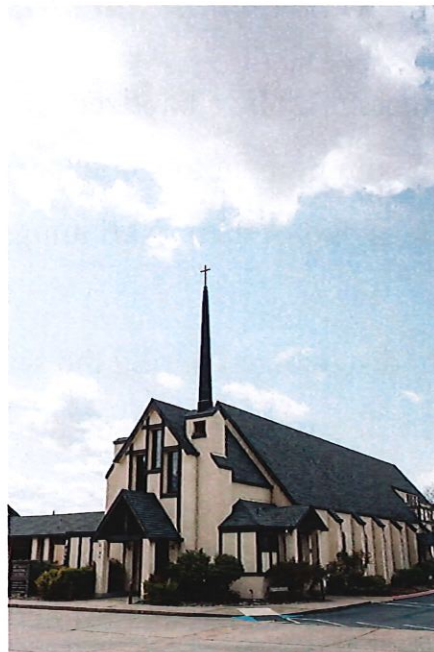


Weddings at All Saints Episcopal Church



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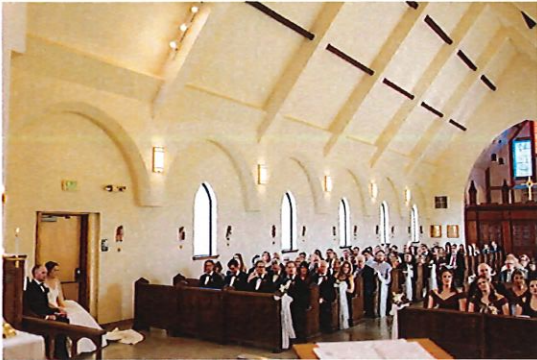
We are delighted that you are considering having your wedding at All Saints and we want it to be a memorable and joyous occasion. This document outlines facility use guidelines and expectations for wedding ceremonies to be held in our sanctuary. Please review this document carefully and consult with the Rector or the Wedding Coordinator if you have questions or concerns. Note that there are different expectations for couples who are simply renting the sanctuary space, vs. those who are utilizing our Rector and hosting an Episcopal Wedding Ceremony.



General Preparation Guidelines (Applies to all):

- At least one of the partners must be a baptized Christian and preferably both will share in a common commitment to Christ. They should see the ceremony in the church as part of their continuing involvement in the Body of Christ.
- Weddings are generally discouraged during the season of Lent (40-days prior to Easter Sunday), and will not be scheduled during Holy Week (the week prior to Easter Sunday).
- It is expected that the bride, groom, and officiant are in agreement with the Episcopal Church's [Core Beliefs](#) and will design the ceremony in a way that is inclusive and respectful of those values.

- Saturday weddings must conclude no later than 3:30pm to allow for the 5pm worship service.



- Liturgical designs, furniture, furnishings, arrangements, Books of Common Prayer, Hymnals and all literature, will remain intact and in place. No furnishings may be moved without advance arrangements.

- No alcohol is to be consumed before the wedding, or on church property. We reserve the right to cancel the wedding with no refund if this policy is violated or if any of the principal participants show up intoxicated. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and must be engaged in full sobriety.
- Smoking or vaping is permitted only in the outdoor area near the labyrinth, on the north east end of the parking lot.
- Premarital counseling is strongly encouraged for all couples.

Preparation Guidelines (Episcopal Wedding Ceremony):

- If one or both of the parties to be married have been divorced, an application must be made to the Bishop for their consultation and judgment at least 90-days prior to the marriage.
- Premarital preparation (counseling) is required for couples deciding upon a life-long relationship. The normal experience at All Saints consists of three sessions of approximately one hour each, concentrating on the marital relationship. The fee for this service is included in the basic cost of hosting a wedding.





- Counseling may be fulfilled by an outside member of the clergy or mental health professional with prior approval by the Rector. (Note: Documentation verifying completion of this requirement must be submitted at least 30-days prior to the wedding date).
- Civil law requires the marriage license be signed by the officiant and witnesses. *The license should be brought to the church no later than three days before the wedding rehearsal.*
- Details about the wedding service itself are worked out between the couple and the Rector. The service is typically performed according to the liturgical forms authorized in the Book of Common Prayer, with or without celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Logistical Considerations

- Maximum capacity for the sanctuary is 200.
- Due to the clear glass windows and the angle of the sun in the church, we do not recommend wedding ceremonies between the hours of 4-7 PM in July and August.
- Since the sanctuary is a sacred space and beautiful in its simplicity, minimal decor is recommended. Rice, confetti, glitter, birdseed, etc are not allowed in the church or on church grounds. Additionally, decorations may not be attached to any surface using tacks, tape or glue.
- Wedding kneeling cushions may be provided upon request.
- There is to be no runner down the aisle due to safety concerns.



- Silk or fake petals may be scattered in the aisle if desired. It is the responsibility of the renter to clean/remove petals after the ceremony. Fresh flower petals are not permitted.
- A piano is available for your use. If you would like the piano tuned prior to your wedding, an additional fee will apply. The organ is available if a preferred organist is hired for your ceremony (See preferred vendor list for details)
- Existing altar candles may be used if desired. Any additional candles used as decor must be battery powered.

- If a unity candle is to be used during the ceremony, advance notice must be given to ensure appropriate protections for the altar linens.



Please refer to the Fee Schedule for additional details on pricing and available amenities.

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