

Music

Organ music is traditional for church weddings and adds impressive solemnity. There is no other instrument that has the same sheer power as an organ – it really sets off the occasion. It is also possible for piano to be used rather than organ.

The organist, choir director, and MMPC Worship team are responsible for all music at MMPC. A uniform standard of performance consistent with the customs and practices of MMPC must be maintained. Music shall be suitable and reverent. The members of the Worship team have the final decision concerning the musical portions of all services taking place here.

The organist, choir director, and Worship team are available by appointment for consultation on the choice of music. They will be pleased to discuss the choice of hymns and instrumental pieces used before, during, and after the service, as well as the use of instrumentalists, soloists, choirs, and visiting musicians. The family may contact the assigned church musician to discuss musical selections.

Musicians who are not members of MMPC may not be engaged to play at MMPC without the permission of the organist, choir director, and/or Worship team.

If a soloist is desired, a church musician may be available. If not, the family may have to provide their own soloist.

Either the MMPC organist or accompanist will play the organ/piano for the service.

All musicians are to be paid directly by the family.

Music Ideas

Prelude organ music

Ave Maria (Schubert or Gounod)
Canon (Pachelbel)
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
Marriage of Figaro (Mozart)
Water Music (Handel) – "Alla Hornpipe,"
suite in D), Air (suite in F)
Panis Angelicus (Franck)

Processional/Recessional

Wedding March (Wagner) – "Here Comes
the Bride"
Wedding March (Mendelssohn) –
traditional exit music
Trumpet Tune (Purcell) – a popular trumpet
voluntary
Water Music (Handel)

Solos

Ave Maria
One Hand, One Heart – duet from
Bernstein's *West Side Story*.
The Wedding Song – Paul Stookey
Panis Angelicus (Franck)
Pie Jesu

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Weddings & Receptions

Service

Wedding dates are arranged with the Pastor. Meetings with the Pastor are to be scheduled by the bride and groom. The number and focus of the meetings is determined by the Pastor. Through counseling, the Pastor seeks to address the spiritual, physical, social, economic, and mental adjustments associated with marriage.

The Management Committee will assign someone to open and close the church for the rehearsal and the wedding. Use of restrooms and dressing rooms are included. The designated dressing room is the Library, which is off the narthex.

Wedding and rehearsal times are scheduled with the Pastor. Preparation times should be scheduled with the Office Administrator.

Photographers come at the invitation of the family. Filming and photographs are to be unobtrusive and sensitive to the wedding service. Insensitive behavior, such as film crews running down the aisle in front of the bride, floodlights and umbrellas erected at the front of the church, flash photographs taken in close proximity of the wedding party during the ceremony, cameras being placed over the shoulder of the minister during vows, etc., will not be tolerated.

Posed family pictures may be taken in the room next to the sanctuary or the multipurpose room, across the hall.

Guest books are provided by family and may be placed on the tables in the narthex.

Two single candles are always in place on the communion table. Other candelabras or unity candles may be placed on the table.

The chancel area shall not be rearranged without the express approval of the Worship team.

The family is responsible for providing ushers. A service with 50 guests should have at least three ushers. Ushers are responsible for seating guests and distributing programs. Ushers should arrive at least a half-hour prior to the service

Wedding bulletins are the responsibility of the family.

Flowers are the responsibility of the family. If flowers are to remain in the Sanctuary for the Sunday service, appropriate information for the bulletin should be given to the Office Administrator.

Reception

Upon the request of the family, a reception may be held following the service.

The MMPC Board of Deacons will be available to provide assistance. They will prepare coffee and hot water for tea and assist with food arrangements. Deacons will not prepare meals, cook, or cleanup the kitchen.

Family and friends may provide prepared refreshments along with any required tableware and desired table lines or decorations. A Deacon representative will be present to oversee. It is suggested that

the menu be kept simple: small sandwiches, cookies, fruit/vegetable platters and cold beverages. No cooking is allowed.

If a caterer is hired, the church office and Deacon representative must be given their name and phone number. The caterer must coordinate delivery of the food with the church office and Deacon representative before the event. Caterers or family/friends will provide any required tableware and will be responsible for setup and cleanup.

Following the reception, all trash must be taken to the dumpster.

Food or drinks may not be stored in the kitchen or refrigerator following the reception.

The family must inform MMPC of plans, including the final number of guests expected and the kinds of refreshments that will be provided, at least 48 hours prior to the event. This information may be faxed or delivered to the church office.

If requested in advance, tables are available for setup by the wedding party on the patio or in the conference room for refreshments and the wedding cake. Table linens and decorations are the responsibility of the family.

A deposit of \$100 is required for use of the kitchen. This will be returned if the church facilities are left clean and the cleanup is signed off by the Deacon representative.

No alcohol may be served on church property.