

Peace Church

Wedding Guidelines

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! We share your excitement and are honored that you are considering Peace Church as the site of your wedding. We hope that your wedding and marriage will be as beautiful and meaningful as possible.

The Christian wedding ceremony is a worship experience. It is designed to celebrate God's plan for a man and woman to become united as one and to lift up His principles for joining together as husband and wife. Therefore, we trust you will be prepared to consciously and sincerely offer yourselves to God on your wedding day and be willing to commit yourselves to following His design.

Peace Church strives to strengthen and support marriage and family in every possible way. If you do not regularly attend Peace Church, we encourage you to begin. Being part of a caring church family will help make your marriage even more successful. Being married at Peace Church requires that you attend pre-marriage counseling with your pastor. You will have many questions as you plan your wedding and we are available to assist you. It is our desire that your special day runs smoothly and you can begin your life together knowing that all the wedding details have been addressed. As you move toward the day of the ceremony, please contact the Peace Church wedding coordinator with any questions. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead and to sharing the joy of a beautiful and sacred ceremony.

Premarital Counseling

ALL couples married at Peace Church are required to participate in no less than three pre-marital counseling sessions. We believe that it is critical that the couple understands what they are about to enter into. It is vital to have a Christ-centered marriage and our pastors prepare the couples for this very important commitment. It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to contact the church office at 614.837.3732 to schedule the first meeting at least three months prior to the day of the wedding. We welcome guest pastors, but they must be approved by our senior pastor.

Regular Attendance

We believe faith in God is the most important part of a marriage. As you prepare for your wedding, it is an ideal time to reconsider your goals, values, commitments, and the direction your life is taking. If you are not actively attending a church at this time, our pastor requests that you consider attending Peace Church for a couple of Sundays prior to the wedding because a church family is very important.

Wedding Coordinator

Peace Church wants to be sure that you have every opportunity to plan your wedding based upon what is required and permitted. The wedding coordinator will be responsible for addressing the administrative and logistical details associated with your wedding. Once the office verifies that the pastor and church calendar can accommodate your wedding date and time, the wedding coordinator will schedule an appointment to meet with you to discuss your wedding details. Please set aside one to two hours for this meeting. If you are working with a professional wedding planner, our wedding coordinator will be pleased to work in cooperation with them. Please ask your planner to direct all church-related questions to the Peace Church wedding coordinator.

Rehearsal

Rehearsals help the wedding party to be prepared for the actual ceremony. Rehearsals are needed if the wedding is going to be more than family or a few friends. Our Hospitality Hall is also available for rehearsal dinners. The wedding coordinator will work with you to schedule your rehearsal.

Wedding Ceremony

The Worship Center here at Peace Church will seat a maximum of 400 people. Weddings are allotted a four-hour time slot, with one hour being allotted for the actual ceremony. The balance of the time may be used for decorating, photography, etc. Additional time may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please ask the wedding coordinator if you have any questions. The pastor is available to help you design elements of your wedding ceremony as well.

Decorating

Peace Church has an arch, a unity candle holder, and two candelabras. The aisle is approximately 70 ft. from the top of the platform to the back row of chairs in the Worship Center. The wedding coordinator will work with you regarding the details of decorating; please ask them what is allowed. The wedding party is responsible for removing all decorations immediately following the ceremony.

Photography

A wedding ceremony is a worship experience. Therefore, flash photography is prohibited during the ceremony. Flash photography may be taken during the processional and recessional. Unobtrusive non-flash photography and stationary video may be taken during the ceremony. Please remember this is a HOLY ceremony. Please refrain from taking pictures during prayers. Guests can be distracted by others walking around. Formal wedding photographs taken in the worship center prior to the ceremony must be finished 45 minutes prior to the wedding time.

Music and Sound

The purpose of music during a church wedding is to enhance the worshipful and sacred atmosphere of the ceremony. Please choose music that is appropriate. If you need the services of an organist or pianist, the wedding coordinator will schedule one unless you have an instrumentalist you wish to use. All music is required to be pre-approved two weeks prior to the wedding.

The services of a Peace sound technician are required for both the ceremony and the rehearsal. The services of a Peace media technician are required for any slideshows or other media shown during the ceremony. Please inform the wedding coordinator at least three months prior to your ceremony if you would like a slideshow or other media so you can begin working with our media tech.

Wedding Party Accommodations

Private dressing areas and restrooms are available for the bride and attendants and groom and groomsmen. A clothing rack is provided in the bride's dressing room. Folding chairs and a table are also provided. Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Please make arrangements for all personal items to be removed after the wedding. Peace Church is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

The Couple's Departure

NO rice, birdseed, flower petals, etc. can be thrown outside or inside the facility. We suggest bubbles, bells, or balloons as alternatives. For an evening wedding. Sparklers are a beautiful alternative.

Additional Information

Smoking is prohibited in the church building. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the building or on the property. All rooms and equipment are to be left in the same condition as they are found. Reasonable care and clean-up, such as removal of food and beverage containers and shoe and flower boxes, is expected.

No equipment or furniture is to be removed or taken from the room it is located in without the permission of the wedding coordinator.

If damage to the facility or equipment is discovered, the wedding party will be notified the first business day following the wedding, and charges may be assessed.

Obtaining Your Marriage License

The following website provides information on obtaining a marriage license in Fairfield County, Ohio.

<https://www.fairfieldcountyprobate.com/ff-Marriage-License-Information.html>

Honorarium Payments and Fees

The wedding coordinator will collect all fee and honorarium payments one month prior to the wedding. Fees and honorariums are payable by cash or check only. One check is to be made to Peace Church.

	Member	Non-Member
Building Rental	No cost	\$300
Pastor	\$200	\$200
Wedding Coordinator	\$200	\$200

Organist	\$150	\$200
Custodian	\$150	\$150
Sound/Media Tech	\$150	\$150
Deposit Required	none	\$250 (applied to Building Rental fee)
Flat Rate Reception Rental	\$150	\$300

All costs are subject to change.

Member rates are available to those who are active or are members in Peace Church and their immediate family members (parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren)

Contact Info

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