

WEDDINGS

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

Westminster Presbyterian Church ministers to its members and their families by providing wedding services that are distinctly Christian. We count it a privilege and responsibility to share in this covenant act that reflects the mystical relationship between Christ and his church. It is our desire that all weddings honor and glorify God and that each couple experience an enriching, fulfilling, and lasting marriage.

Active members are not charged for the use of the facilities. Active members are those who participate in the work and worship of Westminster and support its ministry. Children of active members are considered members of the Congregation.

Christian marriage should be celebrated in the place where the community gathers for worship. As a service of Christian worship, the marriage service is under the direction of the teaching elder and the supervision of the session.

The service begins with scriptural sentences and a brief statement of purpose. The man and woman shall declare their intention to enter into Christian marriage and shall exchange vows of love and faithfulness. The state of South Carolina does not recognize same sex marriage.

A date for a wedding may be scheduled only after a consultation with the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church and is contingent upon the availability of the church building and facilities.

Members and their immediate relatives will have priority in the use of the facilities of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Guest ministers may obtain permission to perform a wedding at Westminster only by formal written request and permission granted by the session of the Church. It is expected that all wedding services at Westminster be distinctly Christian in nature.

“Music should be appropriate to the occasion and the Church Session or the Minister may determine what music is acceptable. Appropriate hymns sung by all are always proper.”

A rehearsal is generally needed and is under the direction of the officiating pastor. It is at this time that the pastor is given the marriage license.

Fee Schedule

Basic Building Use for Wedding \$300.00

Basic Building Use for Rehearsal Dinner \$150

Custodian (Rehearsal) \$50

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Organist/Pianist/Musician \$150

Honorariums may be granted to the officiating pastor but are not required as fees.

The church kitchen and equipment is available upon request. The kitchen must be cleaned and all items used put away after each use. This is the responsibility of the wedding party, not the custodian.

Alcohol beverages may not be served on the premises of Westminster Presbyterian Church.