

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDDING POLICY

Congratulations! Your wedding is a happy and sacred occasion and we rejoice with you as you plan for your day of faithful promises. Christian marriage is wonderful expression of grace and hope between two people. In the Christian tradition, we believe it is a covenant blessed by God through which two people are called to live out lives together in witness to the love that God bears for the world. Marrying in a Christian setting, you make your vows to one another before God in the atmosphere of worship and you begin your marriage by making a conscious statement of your faith in the great goodness of God in Jesus Christ together and individually.

The session of Midway Presbyterian Church has approved the following statement of policy to assist in the planning of your wedding. It is possible conditions will arise that call for special attention. These can be discussed and resolved by meeting with the pastor.

1. All members and their immediate family may use the church for weddings. All others shall be subject to approval by the session.
2. Plan as far in advance as possible when selecting a date for your wedding. We require a three month notice be given in advance of the chosen wedding date.
3. The pastor of Midway Presbyterian must be consulted, and shall officiate at all weddings. Because the pastor is responsible for wedding activities, any other pastor's participation must be discussed with and approved by the pastor.
4. Premarital conferences (3) are to be arranged with the pastor by the couple well in advance of the wedding date.
5. Keeping in mind that weddings are a service of worship, the music chosen should be in keeping with the reverence that is observed upon entering the house of the Lord. The bride and groom shall discuss the music to be played with the pastor and the organist. Guest organists or musicians must be approved by the pastor and the organist.
6. The use of flash photographic equipment is NOT permissible once worship begins. (Pictures of the bride entering and the bride and groom departing are acceptable.) Video photography from one fixed location in the back or upper sides of the sanctuary is permissible.
7. The florist will be held responsible for the protection of the premises, especially with regard to candle wax. Under NO conditions shall decorations be attached to the pews or other furnishings by pinning, gluing, or nailing.
8. The pulpit furniture and the Communion Table may be moved with the approval of the pastor.
9. The premises will be made available for the rehearsal in addition to the wedding. The wedding party is to consult with the pastor concerning rehearsal time at the church.
10. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to clean up after the wedding and reception.

(Revised 6/07)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Guidelines For Use of Facilities at Midway Presbyterian Church

1. Midway Presbyterian Church members, their families and friends of the church:

a. Sanctuary will be available for wedding ceremony, and Fellowship Hall, Sunday School Rooms, Women's Lounge and Library will be available for dressing and/or reception.

2. Non-members of Midway Presbyterian Church:

a. Sanctuary will be available for wedding ceremony, and Fellowship Hall, Sunday School Rooms, Women's Lounge and Library will be available for dressing and or reception with the following fees:

b. \$500.00 plus \$500.00 security deposit (which will be returned if church is left clean and damage-free)

All fees are due at the time of the rehearsal.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_