

RECEPTIONS AT THE CHURCH

When you reserve the church for your wedding, you may also make arrangements for your reception in the church gymnasium, if desired. (An additional \$50.00 custodial fee is charged for receptions held at the church.)

CHURCH REGULATIONS

Neither alcoholic beverages nor tobacco products are permitted on church grounds. Throwing rice, bird seed and rose petals is prohibited because they present a walking hazard. Releasing balloons can present environmental concerns.

DRESSING ROOMS

The Wedding Coordinator will help you reserve a room for the bride and her attendants if one is needed. Arrangements may also be made for the groom and groomsmen.

GUEST BOOK

In your planning, you may want to ask someone to guide Guests in signing your Guest Book as they enter the sanctuary.

CAPACITY

The sanctuary's maximum seating capacity is 350. The ground floor seating is approximately 225.

FEE SCHEDULE

Custodian	\$100	Organist	\$150
Coordinator	\$100	Pastor	\$300

Individual checks should be made payable for the above services. Please contact the wedding coordinator for specific names. We kindly request that checks be received in the church office thirty days prior to the wedding date. Please be aware that additional fees may be required for soloists, etc.

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Weddings at Silver Spring



SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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INTRODUCTION

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church believes that while marriage is a civil contract between a woman and a man, marriage is also a covenant through which a man and a woman are called to live together in discipleship before God.

The policy of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church is that at least one member of the couple to be married is a member of Silver Spring Church, or was a confirmed or baptized member of the church during their youth. A marriage ceremony can also be requested on behalf of the couple by their grandparents or parents who are current members of the church. All weddings must be officiated by one of the current Pastors of Silver Spring Church. Guest ministers are welcome to assist upon the invitation of the officiating Pastor.

SCHEDULING

The governing body of Silver Spring Church, the Session, approves all weddings performed at the church. The first step in scheduling your wedding is to telephone the church office (766-0204) with preferred dates. Your request will be placed on the Session agenda for approval.

Once the Session has approved your wedding, your date will be placed on the church calendar. The Pastor will schedule with you a number of pre-marital conferences to discuss the wedding ceremony and prepare for a life together in marriage.

THE WEDDING AS WORSHIP

A Christian wedding is a service of worship. We celebrate the gift of marriage and our gratitude to God for nurturing two people who desire a life together. The Pastor will talk with you about the particular service of worship which is appropriate for you. The music and liturgy reflects our appreciation to God. The Pastor and Organist can assist you in choosing music for the service of worship. Soloists are welcome.

GUEST READERS

If you would like to honor someone by inviting them to serve as a Lay Reader in the wedding ceremony, be sure to talk with the Pastor about what you want this person to read.

REHEARSAL

The rehearsal is most often held the evening preceding the wedding day and often takes approximately one hour. It is very helpful to have everyone in the Wedding Party, including parents, present at the rehearsal. This is a good time to give the marriage license to the Pastor.

BULLETINS

We ask that you have your bulletins printed by an outside company. There are many companies available. Please check with the church office for a current recommendation. If you would like to use the pen-and-ink sketch of the church used on the cover of this brochure, we can provide that for you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

You are welcome to have children take part in the worship service as Flower Girls or Ring Bearers. Sometimes the children will walk up and then sit with their parents. If you expect young children to be coming to the service of worship, it might be wise to organize child care for them.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOTAPING

Because the wedding ceremony is an act of worship, photography is limited and must be discussed with and approved by the pastor prior to the service. The Wedding Coordinator will make arrangements for posed photographs either prior to or after the ceremony. Videotaping is allowed from a fixed-tripod in the rear balcony beside the organ.