

**Dear Friend,**

I am pleased to hear of your interest in having your wedding here at St. Andrew. This packet of information will help you in planning your wedding. Please read it carefully. After looking over this information, complete the information form that is enclosed with this packet, and return it to me.

Sincerely,  
James E. Hazelwood

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

- **What wedding times & days are O.K?**

Wedding times must be arranged as far in advance as possible, 9 – 12 months in advance

- **Is there a fee for the wedding?**

There is a fee for our services. Our church has determined it's purpose to be of service to the community. Yet, like any organization we also have financial costs. The following guidelines are a suggested range:

**Church donation:                    \$250.00 (payable to St. Andrew)**

**Pastor's honoraria:                \$200.00 - \$400.00**

Some people are financially limited in their means, in these cases please speak to the Pastor so that arrangements can be made.

- **What do I do if I want music?**

Cheryl Banker, Director of Music may be contacted at 860-887-1454. She will be glad to assist you in planning your wedding. An appropriate honoraria for her services is \$150.00.

- **Is pre-marital counseling required?**

If the couple would like to participate in pre-marital counseling, they should speak to the Pastor. Most couples meet with the Pastor for three (3) meetings.

- **I have a friend who can perform the ceremony, is this permitted?**

No. In some cases, our Pastor will co-lead the wedding ceremony with another ordained minister.

- **May we have wedding rice, balloon release, confetti, fireworks, doves?**

We strongly discourage these activities as they impact the environment. Most couples no longer practice these activities. Attractive Bird Seed is an appropriate option

- **Who arranges for the wedding license?**

Couples must secure a license in the state of Rhode Island, from the Town Hall. This will be signed by the Pastor and mailed by the church after the wedding ceremony.

- **Who arranges for flowers?**

The couple is encouraged to contact local florists and arrange for their own flowers.

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local florists are Kenyon Ave. Florists in Wakefield (789-9381) and Broadview Floral in Westerly (322-0390) and Shoreline Florist in Charlestown (364-1858) The florist should be informed that the church will be open 1 hour prior to the wedding.

- **May I have a photographer /video recorder film the ceremony?**

Yes, this is allowed.

- **Will there be a wedding rehearsal?**

Most weddings today do not require a rehearsal. This information can be covered during the third meeting with the Pastor. However, if a rehearsal is necessary please make arrangements for this to be scheduled with the church secretary, the Pastor & Director of Music.

- **Who provides the printed wedding programs?**

The church has colorful wedding bulletins which we can provide for your weddings. We will print 100 programs for you, which is enough to cover 150-200 guests. Should you choose to publish your own program you may do so on your own and bring them to the ceremony.

### **SUGGESTED WEDDING CEREMONY**

This is provided as a guide. It may be adapted and altered in consultation with the Pastor.

**Procession**

**Welcome**

**Wedding Prayer**

**Musical Selection (optional)**

**Reading or lessons**

(suggested Bible readings include:)

Genesis 1:26-31	Genesis 2:18-24	
Psalm 33	Psalm 100	Psalm 150
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	John 2:1-10)	

**Wedding Vows** (you may write your own or use these words)

I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband from this day forward to join with you and share all that is to come and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

**Wedding Candle** (optional)

**Prayers & Blessing**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen*

**Recessional**

