



TO THE BRIDE...

The **Wedding Committee** of Saint Luke's Anglican serves as a source of information for the wedding couple and their families regarding traditions and customs of the church. A member of the Wedding Committee will be present at the rehearsal and the wedding ceremony.

The following information will be helpful in planning your wedding.

To assure that the planning and the ceremony itself move smoothly, there are a number of things we will need to know. A member of the committee will be in touch with you, or whoever is making the arrangements prior to the ceremony to determine:

- What is the size of the wedding party: bridesmaids, maid or matron of honor, groomsmen, best man, flower girl, ring bearer, etc.?
- Will there be a Eucharist? If so, when, (rehearsal or wedding ceremony)? Who will be included for Holy Communion (the bridal couple, the wedding party, the whole congregation)?
- If there is a wedding director, what is contact information?
- When is the date and time of the rehearsal? The wedding party should plan to assemble at the church thirty minutes prior to that time, so that the rehearsal can begin on time.

- Exactly who will be seated just prior to the ceremony (mothers, grandmothers, etc.)?
- How many pews will you need to have reserved for family and special friends?
- What time will the wedding party be arriving at the church on the wedding day? The Wedding Committee recommends arriving at least forty-five minutes before the ceremony is due to begin.
- Will the wedding party be dressing at the church? The Library is available, as is a Bride Room in the M&M Building. The groom and best man should gather in the location designated by the clergy, usually the Choir Room and/or the Sacristy.

At the rehearsal and at the ceremony members of the Wedding Committee will be present for guidance and to make suggestion to the wedding party at the altar, etc.

Please bring to the rehearsal:

The marriage license; payments for the organist and the sexton, if not already paid; Pew assignment sheet to help identify the persons to be seated as "family" and the groomsmen/ushers who will seat them. Please designate someone to be responsible for the seating and escorting out of the mothers and grandmothers.

On the day of the wedding, a committee member will be at the church one hour prior to the ceremony.

Please bring to the wedding:

The rings; the bride's and attendants' flowers, if not being delivered to the church.



Planning Your Wedding

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS



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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

Marriage is a sacred union of two people that was ordained by God at creation and sanctioned by Jesus by His presence and first miracle in Cana of Galilee.

Christian marriage is a covenant relationship between a man and a woman that binds them together as husband and wife. Marriage is given to us for our mutual joy, help and comfort in prosperity and adversity, and when it is God's will, for the procreation and nurture of children. It is also given as a visible reflection of the bond between Christ and His Church.

At Saint Luke's, our goal is to prepare you for, and help you have, a Christian marriage through pre-marital counseling, the marriage ceremony, and serving you throughout your life here.

May our Lord bless you as you begin this journey together with Him!

- The Reverend Dr. Jady Koch

REGULATIONS FOR WEDDINGS

1. Consultation with our Clergy is necessary before a wedding date may be set. In accordance with the rules of the Diocese, at least thirty days' notice is required, and sufficient time is needed to complete pre-marital counseling and to establish Church membership.
2. Instruction in Christian, Holy Matrimony as a preparation to marriage and the answering of questions relative to your intentions is required by our Diocese. It's therefore necessary for you and your fiancé to meet together with one of our Clergy (or other designated Clergy). You may contact the Church Office to make an appointment, by phone, 843-785-4099 x221 or by email, stlukes@stlukeshhi.org.
3. All marriages are governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina and the Solemnization of Marriage by the Canons of the Anglican Church of North America and the Anglican Book of Common Prayer 2019. It is your responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the licensing law in South Carolina and canons of our church. You must present a valid marriage license prior to the service.
4. Marriage can only be solemnized in the church when both parties have received Christian Baptism; a dispensation has been received from the proper church authority if either party has been divorced; this ceremony at Saint Luke's will be the only religious ceremony to take place.
5. The marriage license must be obtained in South Carolina.
6. Before any minister other than the rector or associate is engaged, the Saint Luke's parish clergy must be consulted.
7. **There are several fees involved. First is the hospitality and sexton fee of \$200.** There may be additional similar fees if Church facilities other than the Sanctuary are used. Other facilities include the Kronz Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. If you're considering using these rooms please ask for the rules and fees regarding their use. Any proposed caterer should contact the assigned Wedding Coordinator for details.
8. Please contact our Minister of Music, Nina Rodman (ninarodman@stlukeshhi.org) in regards worship and music selections. This is a Christian marriage ceremony, and worship service, thus selections must be made accordingly. Nina will provide and perform the music except when she grants permission for another musician to participate. **The fee for worship service consultation, rehearsal and ceremony is \$300.** There will be an additional charge for providing soloists or additional instrumentalists, and/or extra rehearsals.
9. Wedding rehearsals are generally held the day before the wedding. It shall be arranged by appointment with the Wedding Coordinator. Since a wedding is a religious service, the Clergy shall have full charge of the re-

hearsal. A member of the Wedding Committee will be present to assist the bride.

10. There will be no alcohol permitted at the rehearsal or wedding ceremony.
11. Flower arrangements must be made independently. However, normal decorum is flowers at the altar only, arranged with simplicity and good taste. Any additional decorations must be approved by the Church Staff/Clergy. Flowers set at the altar are considered to have been given to the church. Ribbons and small floral arrangements for pew designation are allowed. Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements.
12. **Sound and A/V: For Sound support, a fee of \$100 is required for all services. To request that Saint Luke's provide video recording and/or livestreaming, an additional fee of \$150 is required,** so please contact the Church Office if desired.
13. Photography: We ask that the photographers remain at the back or sides of the church, and refrain from using flash photography, and take only time exposures during the ceremony. Photography following the service should be limited to thirty minutes.
14. A wedding is a public service, and no person may be excluded from the church except when the number of invited guests approximates the seating capacity and cards of admission have been issued. The church currently seats 580 persons.
15. Weddings can begin, starting at 10:00 AM until a 4:00 PM start time on Saturdays. If you choose a day other than Saturday, please arrange a time with the Church Staff/Clergy.
16. A bulletin with the order of service is required. The structure of the service will follow that of Holy Matrimony as per the ABCP 2019. The Wedding Coordinator can supply examples of bulletins used in previous weddings. **If produced by Saint Luke's, an additional fee is required of \$200, plus a photocopy fee.**
17. **An honorarium for Clergy in the amount of \$300 is customary. Please write the check directly to the clergy.** All other fees are to be paid to Saint Luke's Anglican Church on or before the rehearsal date.

