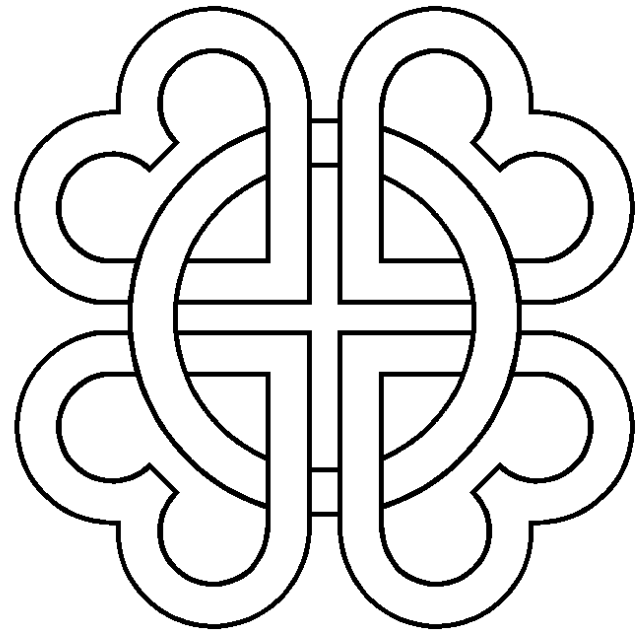


Wedding Information



*St. Paul Lutheran Church
Chris Flohr, Pastor
406-549-4141
202 Brooks Street
Missoula, MT 59801
www.stpaulmissoula.org*

NOTES:

Helpful Statistics and Measurements:

There are 17 pews on each side of the center aisle, for a total of 36 pews in the main sanctuary.

The overflow area has an additional 7 pews.

Each pew can seat at least seven adults.

The balcony in the back of the church will hold approximately 55 people

The length of the aisle from the back pew to the bottom step at the front is 60 feet.

Helpful Driving Directions:

Traveling I-90 Eastbound or Westbound

Exit at Orange Street Exit

Travel South on Orange St. to Broadway

Turn Left or Eastbound on Broadway

Travel Broadway to Higgins

Turn Right or South on Higgins

Travel Higgins to Brooks

Turn Right or West on Brooks

Travel two blocks on Brooks

Turn Left onto Tremont and then immediately Left into the St. Paul Lutheran Church parking lot.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 Brooks Street
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We are pleased that you are considering St. Paul Lutheran Church as the location for your wedding. Uniting couples in the presence of God is a privilege which we do not take lightly. Our prayer is that your wedding day will be the beginning of the process called marriage, at which Christ is the center.

Whether you are a member or non-member of this church, your wedding ceremony here will be a worship service which praises and glorifies Jesus Christ from whom all things are possible, including the gift of your love for each other.

Every wedding is a unique and special event. To help you in your wedding planning and budgeting, we have prepared this booklet which informs you of our guidelines and charges. Please read it carefully and contact us if you have further questions. Know that God goes with you on your marriage journey.

The Celebration of Marriage

Your wedding is, first of all, a worship of God who has called you together in marriage. As worship, our primary attention during the service is focused on God and God's love and care for us. Your declaration of faithfulness and love is in the context of God's declaration of love for you.

A Marriage Ceremony is a service of worship in which the invited guests are not mere spectators but participants in the service. They are not there simply to watch, but to be a congregation of God's people. Your family and friends will be at your wedding because they wish to celebrate with you.

The Word of God is central to worship. We hear the word read in the lessons from the Bible, in the words of the pastor, and in parts of the marriage service itself. Reading the word and singing hymns or songs are excellent ways to bring people into the celebration of your marriage.



Suggested Vows, cont.

- E. I, _____, take thee, _____,
to be my wife (husband),
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance;
and thereto I pledge my faithfulness.
- F. _____, will you have _____ to be your wife,
to life together in holy marriage?
will you love her, comfort her,
honor and keep her,
in sickness and in health,
and forsaking all others,
be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Affirmation by Families and Congregation

The minister says to the families:

Do you, the families of _____ and _____
Give your love and blessing to this new family?
We do.

The minister says to the congregation:

Will all of you, by God's grace, do everything in
your power to uphold and care for these two
persons in their life together?
We will.

Suggested Vows:

- A. I take you, _____,
to be my wife (husband) from this day forward,
to join with you and share all that is to come,
I promise to be faithful to you
as God gives us life together.
- B. _____, I take you to be my wife (husband) from
this time onward,
to give and to receive,
to speak and to listen,
to inspire and to respond,
and in all circumstances of our life together
to be loyal to you with my whole life
and with all my being.
- C. I take you, _____, to be my wife (husband).
I promise before God and these witnesses
to be your faithful husband (wife),
to share with you in plenty and in want,
in joy and sorrow,
in sickness and in health,
to forgive and strengthen you
so that together we may serve God and others
as long as we both shall live.
- D. I take you, _____, to be my wife (husband),
and these things I promise you:
I will be faithful to you and honest with you;
I will respect, trust, help and care for you;
I will share my life with you;
I will forgive you as we have been forgiven;
and I will try with you, to better understand
ourselves, the world, and God;
Through the best and worst of what is to come
as long as we live.

The Marriage Service Outline

(This is a typical order for the wedding worship service)

The Marriage Service

Prelude
Processional

GATHERING

The Welcome
Declaration of Intention
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Scripture Readings
Solo or Hymn (optional)

RITE OF MARRIAGE

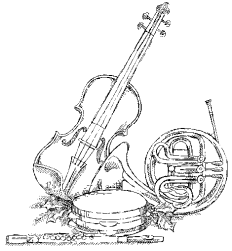
Exchange of vows and rings
(see page 13 & 14 of booklet)
Pronouncement of marriage
Lighting of unity candle (optional)
Hymn or Solo (optional)

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

Blessing
Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (may be sung by soloist)

SENDING

Benediction
Recessional



Music

As in all worship services, the music for your wedding is to be selected with care. It is important to keep vocal selections in harmony with the themes of a Christian marriage service. **These themes are:**

- **Praise of God**
- **The steadfast love of Christ**
- **Prayer for God's presence and blessing in the marriage**

If you are not familiar with Christian worship, it may be difficult to determine what is appropriate in a Christian marriage service. There are many songs in the popular market today which mention the name of God, but do not reflect themes appropriate for worship. The Pastor or Minister of Music will assist you in determining what is suitable. All music to be used in the service must be discussed with the Pastor or the Minister of Music. A piece that is deemed unsuitable for worship may be the perfect song for your reception.

There are a variety of vocal selections available for use. You will want to consider your vocalist's abilities when you make your choices.

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Psalms (*may be read responsively with congregation*)

Psalm 33
Psalm 67
Psalm 84
Psalm 100
Psalm 117
Psalm 121
Psalm 127
Psalm 128
Psalm 136
Psalm 150

Other Texts

Genesis 1:26-31
Genesis 2:18-24
Song of Solomon 2:10-13
Song of Solomon 8:7
Isaiah 63:7-9
Matthew 19:4-6
John 2:1-10
John 15:9-12
Romans 12:1-2
I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Ephesians 5:21-33
Colossians 3:12-17
I John 4:7-12
Philippians 2:1-2

Vocal solos:

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Contemporary Pieces:

By My Side

When Love is Found

Love One Another

Put On Love

We Have Been Told

Wedding Prayer (Copeland)

Wedding Prayer (Rice)

Wedding Song

May the Light of Christ

Songs based on I Corinthians 13:

The Gift of Love

Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Where There Is Love

Traditional Pieces:

Bach: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
My Heart Ever Faithful

Barnby: *O Perfect Love*

Handel: *Wedding Hymn*

Musical selections are used in some or all of the following places:

I. **Prelude** - Music played as the guests gather. The music is usually joyful and quietly festive. The choice of this music is usually left to the musician. The music begins after people begin to be seated and continues until the parent(s) are escorted in or until the processional begins. You may want a particular selection to be played as the candles are lit and the parent(s) are seated.

II. **Processional** - This is the time for the wedding party to enter the sanctuary. The music may be of a quiet, reverent nature or more stately and festive. If you know that the guests would participate fully in hymn singing, it is also fitting to enter as a hymn is being sung.

III. **Ceremony** - Music should fit into the three themes of the service: proclamation, promises, and prayers.

1. *Solos*: These are usually placed after the reading of the Biblical texts and after the vows have been said. If you are lighting a unity candle, a short vocal piece or instrumental (organ, piano, or other) piece is appropriate.

2. *Hymns*: As stated earlier, the singing of a hymn is an excellent way to bring your guests into the celebration of your marriage. There are some simple, well-known hymns which work well for this.

IV. **Recessional** - This is the time for the wedding party to leave the sanctuary. The music is usually joyous and somewhat louder, depending on your wishes. A hymn, sung by the congregation can be used.

V. **Postlude** - Music played as the guests are leaving. May be organ, piano, or instrumental. Choice of music is usually left to the musician.

The First Steps

Scheduling - You will want to plan your wedding as early as possible, so that the use of the church facilities can be arranged without scheduling conflict. **The date of the wedding is set in consultation with the pastor.**

If your wedding date should need to be changed, please notify the church office as soon as possible. Rehearsal for the wedding should take place the day before the wedding in most cases.

Counseling - Premarital counseling is required of all couples married at St. Paul. Please consult with the pastor about this.

Musicians - You will be responsible for making the arrangements for musicians. The church organist needs to be contacted separately if you want organ music. If you prefer another organist, that person needs to contact our organist and may need to come into the church to receive some instructions.

Planning the Wedding - You will need to read this booklet, then make an appointment with the Pastor and/or the Minister of Music to go over the plans. *This should be done fairly soon after scheduling the wedding.* All changes and arrangements for the service need to be discussed with the Pastor at least **one month prior to the wedding date.**

Recessional Music:

Asper, F.W.	<i>Recessional</i>
Bach, J.S.	<i>My Heart Ever Faithful</i> <i>Fugue in G Major</i>
Clark, J.	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>
Corelli, A.	<i>Prelude</i>
Handel, G.	<i>Allegretto</i> <i>Allegro Moderato</i>
Kaufman	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
Manz	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>

Hymn Recessionals:

Go My Children, With My Blessing, #543
On Our Way Rejoicing, #537

Other hymns:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, #656
Lord of All Hopefulness, #765
Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue,
(1 Corinthians text) #644
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, #659

Suggested Music

Processional music:

Bach, J.S. *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Praise to God

Brahms, J. *Praise We Sing to Thee*

Clark, J. *Trumpet Voluntary*

Corelli, A. *Prelude*

Handel, G. *Allegro*
Air from Water Music
March from Sonata No. 2
Thanks Be to God
Suite from Water Music

Haydn, J. *Credo*

Pachelbel, J. *Canon in D*

Purcell *Rondeau from Suite*
Trumpet Tune

Reger, Max *Now Thank We All Our God*

Wagner, R. *Bridal March from Lohengrin*

Vivaldi, A. *Largo*

Hymn processional:

Now Thank We All Our God, #840
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, #836

General Information

All flowers, decorations or alterations of the sanctuary must be discussed and approved by the Pastor or Wedding Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the wedding.

St. Paul has one dozen pew candles available for rental. (see Fees) You should arrange for the use of these when planning the decorations for the sanctuary. If you decide to use them, please request them on your *Marriage Information Sheet*.

We have a unity candle holder available for your use. It requires one large candle and two tapers. *You would need to provide the candles.* You can reserve the holder free-of-charge by requesting it on your *Marriage Information Sheet*.

The couple has the use of the church for a total of 4 hours for the wedding to allow time for dressing, picture-taking, etc. Should additional time be needed, arrangements will be made on an individual basis.

Formal pictures can be taken before or after the ceremony.

Any printed bulletins must be printed yourself. The church office will assist in ordering the folders if requested and can show you samples of previous bulletins.

Plans for a reception at the church need to be discussed with the church office. (549-4141)

Policies for weddings at the church:

NO use of alcoholic beverages at a rehearsal, in dressing rooms prior to the wedding, or at receptions held in the church is permitted.

In order to be able to participate in a worship service (your wedding) alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed before the rehearsal or the wedding.

Violations of these two policies can result in exclusion of part or all of the wedding party from the service or cancellation of the ceremony. It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to inform their family and wedding attendants. If you need help or support doing this, visit with the pastor.

Smoking is not allowed in the building.

Rice, bird seed or flower petals may not be used inside or outside the building. Silk flower petals may be used in the church. The use of bells or bubbles is recommended.

No flash pictures are to be taken during the worship service with the exception of the processional and recessional. Videotaping the service is permitted as long as those doing the taping do not distract from the worship service. It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to inform their photographer of this information.

Fees

Reservation & Safety Deposit: \$200.00

This deposit is required to reserve the church for a wedding. If no damage to the church or its campus occurs during the wedding, \$150.00 will be refunded. \$50.00 is non-refundable.

All fees are to be paid two weeks prior to the wedding service: If your fees are not paid as required, your wedding will be cancelled. Visit with the pastor to make other arrangements if extenuating circumstances occur.

If for some reason the wedding is cancelled, all fees previously paid will be refunded in full (except for the non-refundable deposit).

Pastoral Fees:

Premarital Counseling: \$200.00

Rehearsal & Wedding Service: \$200.00

Name of pastor: _____

Organist: \$100.00

Name of organist: _____

**Custodian: (no reception at church) \$ 85.00
(reception at church) \$110.00**

Name of custodian: _____

Use of Facility (non members): \$200.00

Rental of Pew Candles: \$ 50.00