

Congratulations on your engagement!

Marriage is a gift from God, given to all human-kind for the wellbeing of the entire human family. Weddings are an occasion to celebrate this covenant while giving thanksgiving to God for the relationship of the couple with the support of the congregation of family and friends who join them in this service of worship.

Our staff is eager to help make your wedding day an authentic, worshipful and meaningful event in the lives of the couple and their families. We respectfully request the couples pay careful attention to our guidelines and consider why, when, and how we officiate services of marriage within our church building.

Our interpretation of marriage is that of a covenant through which two people offer vows before God to live out together their lives of discipleship to God through their devotion to one another, their trust in the Holy Spirit and their faith in Jesus Christ. These vows are publicly witnessed and acknowledged by the community of faith.

A church wedding is a worship service, therefore, we ask that couples are Christian, or open to exploring their faith in God with the officiating pastor during the marriage preparation meetings and through regular participation in a faith community.

We hope The Peoples Church will become your permanent church home during and after your preparation for marriage. Though wherever you go after your wedding, know the God of grace, compassion, and love will accompany you on your journey together.



If I speak in the tongue of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

Weddings at the peoples church



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Timeline to your wedding day

As you plan your wedding, we are here to help make it your day. Music is a key part of your celebration; anticipate meeting with our organist or sound specialists **at least two months** before your special day. Our Wedding Coordinator is here to smooth your way before and during the service and will meet and talk with you as plans proceed, particularly during the last two months and final weeks. You will be remind you to secure your marriage license at least one month before the date. Don't hesitate to ask questions along the way.

Enrich marriage preparation seminar

The People Church is committed to celebrating and sustaining life-giving, loving relationships. In order to do this, we utilize proven pre-marriage materials from the Prepare/Enrich organization as part of our marriage preparation process.

Engaged couples are expected to meet at least three times with their presiding pastor and participate in one Saturday group seminar prior to their wedding day.

The group seminary and individual meetings are intended to provide tools and resources that will be helpful to the couple before and after their wedding day.

The Prepare/Enrich program materials assist with discussions about communication, goals and expectations, personality types and compatibility. They have been lauded by couples as one of the most helpful parts of the marriage preparation process.

Wedding Costs

MAIN SANCTUARY

\$735	PERSONNEL FEES
\$525	BUILDING USE FEES*
\$1,260	TOTAL COST

McCUNE CHAPEL

\$685	PERSONNEL FEES
\$375	BUILDING USE FEES*
\$1,060	TOTAL COST

A \$400 deposit is due to secure your wedding date. The remaining balance is due in full 30 days prior to your wedding day.

Cancellations may only be made in writing by the bride or groom. Cancellations made eight months or more before the wedding date receive a 50 percent refund on the deposit; four to eight months, 25 percent refund; and less than three months, no refund.

Personnel Fees include the compensation for the presiding minister, wedding coordinator, organist, building custodian and sound tech and include their time on the day of the wedding and before.

Building Use Fees support the mission of the church as they are invested into Building & Grounds costs and the Christian outreach ministries of the church.

Building Use Fees are waived for **Members of The Peoples Church as they support the mission of the church through annual sharing of time, talent and treasure in the weekly offertory and service opportunities.*

Main Sanctuary



The grandeur of our Sanctuary comes from its simplicity; stained-glass windows, an airy chancel and seating up to 500 guests on the main floor. The 85-foot long center aisle provides for a beautiful and dramatic entrance for the bride.

McCune Chapel



Our McCune Chapel offers an intimate setting for a wedding, comfortably sitting more than 50 people. The classically-styled pews, stained glass windows and beamed ceiling make this a memorable place. A small organ and piano may provide music for an elegant ceremony.