Congratulations!

We rejoice with you as you set about planning your upcoming wedding.

Your wedding day is a very special day, and we wish you many blessings as you embark on your married life.

We are excited to help you plan and prepare as you begin this new chapter in your lives. Please contact us for more information or to start your planning process!

Our friendship room and kitchen are also available for rental!

Wedding Fees

The following fees cover all the expenses for a wedding service at First Presbyterian Church. These fees provide no profit to the church and are forwarded to the appropriate individuals or organizations.

The wedding couple may discuss these requirements and expenses with the officiating pastor if they have a special need.

Reservation Deposit: $100.00, non-refundable, to reserve the selected wedding date and time. This cost covers custodial expenses.

Premarital Counseling: $125.00, non-refundable, for a premarital inventory and to provide for the counseling sessions. This is required of all couples and is due with the reservation deposit.

Building Use Fee: Our affordable building fee will be determined after the initial meeting and selection of rooms used. The sanctuary seats approximately 225 people. Dressing spaces are available.

Personnel Expenses: (due at rehearsal) $125.00 for clergy honorarium, $50.00 for organist honorarium (+$25.00 per practice), $50.00 for soloist honorarium (highly recommended)

Bulletins: Bulletins can be provided for a nominal fee.

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Planning a Wedding at First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury, IL

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Initial Procedures for Planning a Wedding

To plan a wedding at First Presbyterian Church, the following steps need to be accomplished. Any questions should be referred to the pastor who will officiate at your wedding.

1. Request the date and time of the wedding with the pastor and church office.

2. Participate in the required premarital counseling program.

3. Secure a State of Illinois marriage license. (Instructions available)

4. Plan the details of the wedding with the pastor regarding the use of the building and optional items.

5. Plan the ceremony with the officiating pastor.

6. Plan the appropriate music for the worship.

Pastor Dan Robertson

Time and Date of Rehearsal and Wedding Service

The rehearsal is usually scheduled the evening before the wedding. The rehearsal gives the wedding party an opportunity to become familiar with the procedures of the wedding ceremony and all details concerning ushering, the processional, the recessional, and the wedding ceremony. The rehearsal is under the direction of the officiating pastor. Alcohol and illicit drugs are strictly prohibited on the church premises.

Premarital Counseling

An important preparation for marriage is premarital counseling. Personal participation is required in order to be married at First Presbyterian Church. Counseling will consist of three one-hour sessions scheduled at the couple's convenience with the officiating pastor.

The Officiating Clergy

Ordinarily, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church officiates the wedding. Another Christian minister can officiate upon approval. During premarital counseling, the officiating pastor will make arrangements for the rehearsal, decorations, flowers, candles, bulletins, and all details of the day of the wedding. The pastor is your consultant on matters of decorations, photography, and etiquette. This service provided by the church is required for all weddings, as a wedding ceremony is a service of Christian worship.

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Music

You are free to choose your own organist or pianist. If you choose to use the organist of First Presbyterian Church, you must make arrangements with our organist with assistance from the pastor. All music must be approved by the officiating pastor.

You may also choose whether or not to have a soloist. All music of the soloist is to be chosen on consultation with the pastor. If the soloist requires accompaniment, arrangements should be made with the pastor and organist to arrange an appropriate time for practice.

Photography

Pre-wedding pictures, if taken, should be completed one-half hour before the wedding ceremony begins. Flash photography is permitted during the processional and recessional. Because the wedding ceremony is a worship service, only non-flash photographs or videotaping from the back of the sanctuary will be permitted during the service.

Decorations & Flowers

Florists are to arrange all deliveries with the church office. The flowers may be delivered during regular office hours, upon appointment, or on Saturday when the wedding party is present. Four moveable flower stands and two fixed flower stands are available for use. The church has two tiered candelabras also available for use. The use of nails, staples, tacks, and tape on any surface in the church is prohibited. The chalice and plate must remain on the Communion Table, and any liturgical church décor must remain as is.