

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MORTON
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WEDDING POLICY

First adopted by the Session of this church in 1990, revised in 1992, 1998 and 2011.

The congregation and the Presbyterian Church regard the wedding service as a true worship experience. It is to be regarded as worship and it is our policy that no action or activity would be permitted that is contrary to the spirit of Christian worship, nor would we expect the presence of any food or beverages at either the wedding or the rehearsal within the confines of the Sanctuary. Alcohol is not permitted within the church at any time.

The pastor must approve the form of the service and the music provided by the church organist or, any guest organist approved by the church organist. Under normal circumstances, our pastor or another Presbyterian pastor with our pastor's approval will perform the service of the wedding. In the event that the family wishes an outside minister to assist, this can be arranged with our pastor(s).

Communion, if requested, can be arranged and will be served to all believing Christians, not just members of the wedding party.

Fees will be provided under the following schedule:

~ **Building** ~ for non-members the non-refundable fee is \$500, payable 30 days before the rehearsal date.

~ for members of Morton First Presbyterian Church, there is no charge.

~ **Cleanup** ~ a custodial fee of \$100 will be required, payable 30 days before the rehearsal date.

~ **Reception Arrangements** ~ can be negotiated with the church Session.

~ **Use of Kitchen for Rehearsal Dinner or Reception** ~ \$50 allows use of refrigerator, stove, sinks, microwave and coffee pots. You will provide your own paper products.

~ **Pastor** ~ Fees are set by the pastor(s). A \$150 minimum fee is suggested. This includes two pre-marital consultation/counseling sessions.

~ **Organist** ~ \$125 includes rehearsal and wedding.

~ **Soloist** ~ No suggested amount.

~ **Candelabra** ~ provided by church as requested. Must use dripless candles provided by church at cost of candles.

All dates for a church wedding should be arranged at least 60 days before the wedding itself. Please specify the dates and times of both the wedding and the rehearsal. The Pastor(s) will make arrangements with someone to open and close the building at designated times. Please bring your marriage license and any other official papers to the rehearsal. ALL financial payments should be paid by this time. **No refunds will be given.**