

Preparation and Regulations

Weddings, rehearsals and receptions are arranged through the Church office. Specific arrangements will be determined by St. John's Wedding Coordinator* and the Wedding couple.

St. John's clergy is available for ceremonies where at least one of the two people to be married is Christian. Ceremonies officiated by other clergy and non-Christian ceremonies must be approved by St. John's.

St. John's organ is a nationally famous 22-stop tracker action pipe organ built in 1979 by John Brombaugh. Our piano is a 7-foot Boesendorfer. You may bring your own Organist and Pianist or choose our Director of Music**, to accompany your musical ensembles. Your own Organist or Pianist will require permission from the Director of Music** ..

Paper aisle runners (no cloth or plastic) are permitted from the foot of the steps to the back of the pews. Runners must be secured with white tape along the edges to prevent the runner from buckling and to prevent injury.

Flower arrangements are to be arranged by the Wedding Party. The Church has two wrought iron flower stands and candelabras for your use. Flowers may be left in the Church after the wedding service. Candles brought into the Sanctuary must be dripless.

Flower petals and confetti are not permitted. Birdseed may be thrown outside the building. Please use pew clips, instead of tape, to fasten adornments to the pews.

No flash photography or extra lighting is to be used during the Wedding service. This equipment may be used as the couple enters the church building, and as the couple leaves the chancel and exit from the Sanctuary.

Please present the marriage certificate to the officiating minister at the rehearsal. The minister will fill out and sign the marriage certificate immediately following the service.

Ushers should arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the Wedding service. If Ushers are standing with the Wedding party, remember to designate others to seat late arrivals.

Contracted time is scheduled as mentioned below and will begin with the Wedding party's designated arrival and will end with the Wedding party's designated departure:

Use of the Sanctuary and Campbell Room for Weddings is based on 5.5 hours for:

- Rehearsal (1.5 hours)
- Before the Ceremony preparation (2 hours)
- Ceremony (1 hour)
- Photograph-taking and cleanup (1 hour)

A Rehearsal booking before 5 p.m. is subject to a \$50 fee.

Reception area fees are based on 6 hours for:

- Before the Reception preparation (2 hours)
- Reception (3 hours)
- CleanUp (1 hour)

Elaborate set-ups must be submitted at least 4 weeks before Wedding. Wine, beer and champagne are allowed (no hard liquor). All bottles must be removed from the premises.

Clean up is the responsibility of Wedding Party and they will be in charge of making sure that all the rooms that were used by Wedding Party are in the same condition in which they were found.

Due with the completed Wedding application is a Reservation Deposit of \$300 and a refundable Security Deposit of \$250. The Reservation Deposit is not refundable and will not be returned for cancellations. Overtime, damage and special cleaning charges will be billed to your account and deducted from the Security Deposit. Rates are good for up to one year after agreement is signed.

St. John's 55-car parking garage is used by all of the Center's users. Guaranteed parking is available at a cost of \$5 per car per day. During the hours of the Wedding and Reception, the Coordinator* will request that the City's 2-hour parking restrictions not be enforced around the Church. However, this cooperation cannot be guaranteed.

Sanctuary & Campbell Room

*Rate applies to Weddings for 350 people or less: Includes use of 3 microphones, sound booth operator, tables and chairs, two wrought iron candelabras and flower stands, and Wedding Coordinator**

	Member	Non-Member
5 hour rental	\$300	\$1000
6 hour rental	\$350	\$1100
7 hour rental	\$400	\$1200
• Minister	\$150	\$220
• Organist or Pianist**	\$120	\$150
• Dripless Candles (14 for candelabras)	\$28	\$28

Fireside Room & Kitchen Campbell Room & Kitchen Patio & Kitchen

Rate applies only when Wedding is at St. John's and for 75 people or less: includes use of tables and chairs, and kitchen.

6 hour rental	\$100	\$300
7 hour rental	\$125	\$350

Hunter Hall, Fireside & Kitchen

Rate applies only when Wedding is at St. John's and for 350 people or less: includes use of tables and chairs, portable PA sound system, microphone and stand, Coordinator, and kitchen.*

6 hour rental	\$150	\$500
7 hour rental	\$200	\$600
Add Patio	\$100	\$150

***Wedding Coordinator** is Kimberly L. Satterfield: evenings (510) 658-9472 and day (510) 577-1860 or <kashi@value.netT>. Our Coordinator will meet with you on your rehearsal and Wedding day.

****Director of Music** is David Hunsberger: day (510) 531-6333 or <dhunsberger@cp.berkeley.edu>. Please provide a copy of the music. Fee includes: A 1-hour consultation at the church; One 2-hour rehearsal with soloist who will be performing at wedding; Music before, during and after the ceremony; Phone consultations as necessary (does not include attendance at the rehearsal).

The Meaning and Place of Marriage in our Community

Welcome to St. John's Presbyterian Church! We are delighted that you are considering St. John's as a place to celebrate your Wedding. We feel our sanctuary is a sacred place that invokes the blessing and love of the Holy Spirit.

This space you will be using gives testimony to the commitment and love of the members of St. John's to their relationship with the Spirit of all life and the community of Christians we call the Church.

We pray that each of our relationships may embody love and integrity, shown through the relationship Jesus has with God and human beings. Perhaps most of all, we affirm the grace and forgiveness offered by God that empowers us to love one another despite our imperfections and fallibility.

We pray that your marriage, wherever the ceremony may be held, may have this great blessing of grace. May your relationship reflect and connect you with the beauty and love that is the living core of all life.



Welcome to St. John's Presbyterian Church

We are a progressive Christian community, affirming of individuals and families of all shapes and sizes, with a strong tradition of a biblical commitment to justice and peace. Our motivation and identity are birthed and sustained primarily through meeting the presence of God in worship.

Marriage is a gift God has given to humankind for the well being of the family. Marriage is also a civil contract between a couple. The presiding minister usually plays a dual role of civil servant and Spirit facilitator

For Christians, marriage is a spiritual commitment of life-long love between two people, blessed by God and witnessed by family and congregation.

St. John's clergy reserve the right to give priority to this spiritual definition and affirmation of marriage, over and above our role as civil servants. We will decide whether we feel God has called a couple together to bless them, and whether the State decides to bestow labels and laws to the union is a secondary consideration. We are followers of Christ first, citizens of our civil government second.

Our space is intended for use by those who acknowledge the Divine Spirit of life through faith. Within this community, we pray for God's blessing upon your life and marriage, and leave with you an open invitation to join us in worship.



Weddings at St. John's Presbyterian Church

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"Love is patient and kind;
love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrong
but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends . . ."

Corinthians 13:4-8