

# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



## A Marriage Customary

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“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32



# Marriages at The Church of the Redeemer



## **A Christian Marriage**

A Christian marriage is the celebration and blessing of a holy, solemn, and public covenant made between a man and a woman in the presence of God. The marriage covenant is a lifelong vow marked by fidelity, honor, mutual submission, and love, just as Christ with the church (Ephesians 5:21-33).

## **The First Step**

The couple should arrange to speak with the Rector about the marriage before any other plans are finalized. After the couple's initial meeting with the Rector, the marriage date and time will be added to the church calendar and the arrangements for their marriage can be announced.

## **Marriage Preparation**

The Rector and the couple will meet for a minimum of four one-hour sessions as part of their marriage preparation.

## **Marriage Customs**

A marriage is a worship service in The Episcopal Church and a sacramental rite. The rubrics of *The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage* in the Book of Common Prayer will be followed unless otherwise approved by the Rector.

Music is selected in conformity with the dignity of the service and in consultation with Redeemer's Organist. Vocalists and instrumentalists must have the approval of the Organist. If there is a fee for a vocalist or instrumentalist, please make separate payment arrangements with them.

Other priests or ministers may participate in the marriage service with the approval of the Rector. The Rector will extend an invitation to the guest priest or minister.

Bulletins for the service are not provided by the church.

The Rector has the final decision whether a marriage will be performed at The Church of the Redeemer.

Redeemer's sanctuary will seat approximately 225 – 250 people.

## **Rehearsals**

The Rector will conduct the rehearsal, assisted by Redeemer's Wedding Coordinator and Organist, unless other arrangements are made with the Rector's approval. The Wedding Coordinator will also be present before and during the marriage to assist the wedding party. Wedding rehearsals are normally held on the evening before the marriage at 6:00 p.m. and usually last about one hour. All members of the wedding party and immediate family members are expected to attend the rehearsal and be on time. All other guests may wait in the Transept until the rehearsal has finished. The bride will fully participate in the rehearsal. The bride's dress and the bridesmaid's dresses may be brought to the rehearsal and left in the Parlor. The church will be locked overnight.

## **Photography**

No flash photographs will be allowed from 10 minutes before the service begins, during the service, and after the service until the congregation has departed. Videotaping may be done during the service as long as the camera is not visible or distracting during the ceremony. Video cameras may be placed on the outside aisles or in the choir loft. The bridal couple is asked to make their photographer, family, and guests aware of these guidelines.

## **Flowers**

The Church of the Redeemer has a very talented Flower Guild that may be available to arrange the flowers in the church sanctuary for your marriage. The couple will need to contact the Redeemer Flower Guild person listed on page 7. The couple may hire an outside florist to provide floral arrangements, however, the florist must contact the Redeemer Flower Guild representative to go over the guidelines of arranging flowers in the sanctuary. Since the Flower Guild would not have ample time to prepare flowers for Sunday worship after a Saturday wedding, the flowers used for a marriage that takes place on a Saturday must remain in the sanctuary for the Sunday worship service.

## **Marriage License**

The couple can obtain a marriage license from any courthouse in South Carolina. Both persons must be present to apply but one person can pick up the license when it is ready. All three copies of the license must be brought to the rehearsal and given to the Rector. Following the marriage, the bride and groom, the best man and maid of honor, and the Rector, will sign the license. One copy will be kept by the couple and the remaining copies will be mailed to the Probate Office by the church administrator.

## **Invitations**

The Rector and those assisting with the marriage do not expect to be invited to the rehearsal party or the wedding reception. They are happy to attend, when possible, if invited.

## **The Marriage Day**

The bride's room, located in the Parlor, is available as a dressing area for the bride and bridesmaids. Rooms in the Education Wing are available for the groom and groomsmen. Please leave these rooms clean and in good order. The ushers should be at Redeemer and ready to begin seating guests one hour before the beginning of the service. The Church of the Redeemer cannot be responsible for items lost or stolen during the rehearsal or marriage.

## **Nursery**

Nursery may be provided if Redeemer Nursery Workers are available. Contact the Nursery Director to request Nursery availability on the day of the marriage.

## **Marriage Coordinator**

A Marriage Coordinator from The Church of the Redeemer will contact the couple after their initial meeting with the Rector.

## **Additional Guidelines**

No alcohol is permitted on church property. No smoking is allowed inside any of The Church of the Redeemer facilities. No rice, bird seed, or other material is to be tossed on church grounds before or after the marriage. Rose petals are permissible if the Marriage Coordinator is notified at least one week prior to the marriage.

## Fees

<b>Sanctuary</b>	No fee \$500.00	Use of the Sanctuary and Church building for Church Members For the use of the Sanctuary and Church buildings for Non-members
<b>Organist</b>	\$150.00	The organist at The Church of the Redeemer retains the option to play at all services conducted within the church. If another organist is desired, this must be agreed to by our organist. There may be an additional cost if you have a vocalist or instrumentalist that requires extra rehearsal time.
<b>Sexton</b>	No Fee \$50.00	Members Services of the Sexton by non-members
<b>Flowers</b>	No Fee \$150.00	Church members Non-members If an outside florist is used, this fee does not apply. This fee is for the service of the Flower Coordinator/Arranger. The net cost of the flowers will be additional. Payable to <i>The Church of the Redeemer</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	\$75.00	Available upon request. Safe Church Policy requires that the nursery must have at least two people on duty at all times when the nursery is open. Please make checks payable to <i>The Church of the Redeemer</i> .
<b>Rector</b>	No fee \$150.00	Church members ( <i>Contributions are, however, welcomed</i> Payable to the Rector) Non-Members
<b>Purser Hall</b>	No fee	Available as approved by the Rector

**Note:** All fees are negotiable for families in need. Please discuss this with the Rector.

## Contact Information

Organist	Mr. Charles Owings	Phone: 864-901-0634 (texts accepted)
Flowers	Ms. Lauren McCullough	Phone: 864-982-2498 (texts accepted)
Church Office	Ms. Sue Bannio	Phone: 864-277-4562
Nursery	Ms. Catherine Johnstone	Phone: 864-220-4212
Wedding Coordinator	Ms. Jane Anderson	Phone: 970-402-3283 (texts accepted)
Rector	Rev. Scott Anderson	Phone: 864-414-6646 (texts accepted)