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APPOINTMENTS

The church staff members are pleased to serve you, not only on your wedding day, but in counseling and rehearsal. We would be grateful if you would respect their crowded schedule by being prompt in your appointments and not delay or extend the rehearsal or reception beyond the agreed-upon time. Thank you.

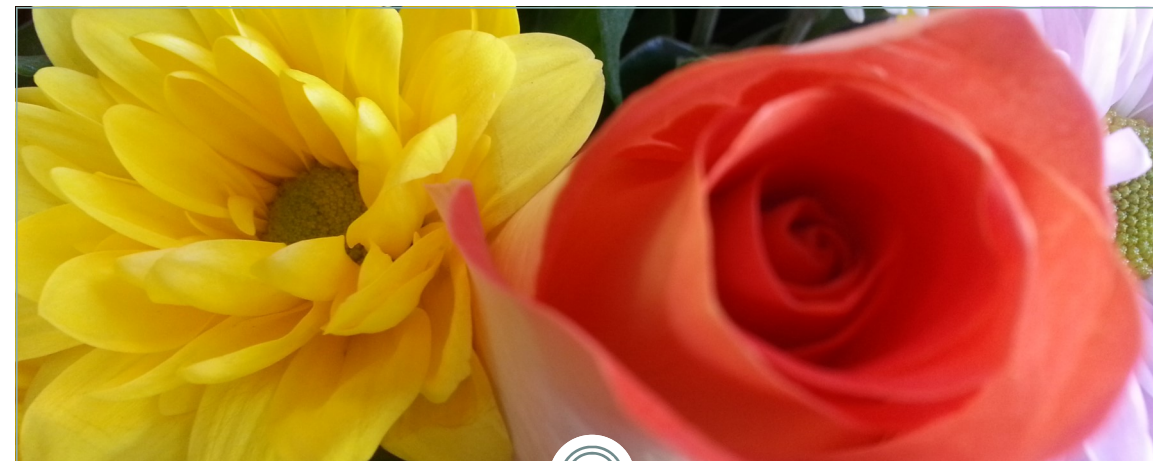
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*followers of Jesus called together in faith,
hope and love*



Weddings at North Church/ Williamsville

THE MUSIC

The purpose of music in the Christian wedding is to direct attention to God and enhance the beauty of the service. Arrangements with the church music director should be made as early as possible so that time may be reserved and music prepared. He or she will suggest compositions that are appropriate for this religious ceremony and will be glad to talk with you about music you would like. He or she will engage a vocal soloist if you desire; of if the bride wants a soloist unknown to the music director, the request should be approved well in advance of the wedding. If someone other than church organist/pianist is to play, permission should be obtained from the minister and organist when first arrangements are made. However, the regular organist should receive the usual fee. Any substitutes will observe the musical standards of the church.



FEES AND HONORARIUMS

	Member	Non-member
Building Use	no charge	\$400 (chapel); \$500 (sanctuary)
Administrative staffing	\$75	\$75
Minister	\$200*	\$200*
Organist	\$150**	\$150**
Color bulletin	\$25	\$25

*One check payable to North Presbyterian Church should arrive in the church office
one week prior to the wedding date.*

*Honorarium

**Fee (includes consultation and rehearsal; there is an extra \$25 charge for any additional rehearsals)

Receptions: Rates available upon request



Your Christian Marriage

What are the unique qualities of a Christian marriage? Our Confession of Faith gives us this definition: “...an institution ordained by God, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, established and sanctified for the happiness and welfare of humankind, into which spiritual and physical union two people enter, cherishing a mutual esteem and love, bearing with each other’s infirmities and weaknesses, comforting each other, and for their household, praying for each other, living together for the length of their days as heirs of the grace of life.”

When you ask the minister of this church to conduct a marriage ceremony, you are asking that God bless your marriage; you are not asking him or her to pronounce you husband and wife as a civil officer may do. In requesting that the ceremony be performed in the church, you are asking for a worship service at the same time. Participating in such a service demonstrates that you have a vital faith in God and a sincere desire to understand and live up to the meaning of Christian marriage.

One of the happiest privileges a minister has is that of assisting a couple to enter upon the joy of marriage. It is also his or her duty to be sure that the responsibilities of marriage are understood and undertaken in Christian faith.

The couple must have one or more conferences with the minister as they prepare for marriage. Upon your request, another minister may be invited by our minister to participate in the ceremony.

THE CHURCH: RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations for use of the church with the minister as early as possible. Either the sanctuary or the chapel is available for the marriage service. The seating capacity for the chapel is 75. The seating capacity for the sanctuary is 300. The Dickinson Room is available for the bride to use as a dressing room.

THE FLOWERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

We believe that the beauty of our building lies in its simplicity, and that the symbolism of the cross and communion table is significant. Recommendations for decorations of the sanctuary and chapel are available from the minister.

Photographs may be taken in the vestibules and/or narthex before the procession and at the end of the ceremony. Since the service is a religious service, no pictures should be taken while the bride is in the sanctuary. A picture may be taken of the bride and escort as they enter and of the bride and groom as they exit the sanctuary.

In consideration of the church’s facilities coordinator and scheduling of the building, all photographs must be finished, and everyone must leave the church building one hour after the ceremony is finished.

