## **Technical Ministries**

MPC offers state-of-the-art technical streaming services and welcomes the opportunity to enhance your wedding through these technologies. All services may be live-streamed for remote viewing via the MPC YouTube channel. Accommodations are also available for couples who chose not to stream their service. All services will still require the staffing of the Technical Ministries team, which is included in our regular fees. After the service, the team will provide a USB stick with the video files including the main stream and a direct feed from all 4 cameras from the vMix multi-recorder as full HD MPEGs.

## Photography & Videography

Flash pictures may not be taken during the service, from the entry of the Bride until the couple recess down the aisle. If there is a printed bulletin for the service, we suggest noting that your guests are respectfully requested to refrain from flash photography during the service. Time exposures from the balcony are permitted.

Some couples wish to have the service videotaped.

This is permissible provided that:

1. Auxiliary lighting is not required

2. The camera is located in the balcony or at the back of the center or side aisles behind seated guests.

Cameras (video or still) will not be allowed in the chancel during the service.



#### **Fees**

Fees are due to the church office one month before the ceremony. Fees are established based on whether the Bride and/or Groom are members of MPC. Cash or check accepted, sorry to credit cards.

Please make your check payable to "Media Presbyterian Church" and circle the related fees below.

A fee may be assessed in the event of a late arrival of the wedding party to the ceremony.

	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
Use of Sanctuary	\$0	\$350
Sexton Services		
- Rehearsal & Wedding	\$250	\$300
- Rehearsal Dinner or Reception	\$200	\$250
Office Fee	\$200	\$200
Use of Dale Hall		
- Rehearsal Dinner	\$500	\$550
- Reception	\$250	\$550
Live Stream Services	Up to \$500	Up to \$500
Organist/Pianist (contact office for recommended musicians)	Negotiable Minimum \$250	Minimum \$250
Soloist	Negotiable	Negotiable
Pastoral Services (Includes pre-martial counseling.)	\$350	\$600

Please know that our number one priority is making your wedding a faithful and meaningful experience for you and your family. If any of the above costs prove prohibitive for you, please contact the church office so that we may see what possible accommodations may be made. We look forward to celebrating your special



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## A Christian Wedding

We are delighted that you wish to use the facilities of this church for your wedding, and we pray for God's richest blessings upon your marriage. While a church wedding embraces certain privileges, it also involves practical considerations. Marriage services will be performed in accordance with the Book of Order. Active Members and Active Participants may request to be married at the church, per approval of the Session for the use of the Sanctuary. Nonmember weddings are at the discretion of one of the Pastors and the approval of the Session for the use of the Sanctuary.

#### **Pastor**

It is expected that a Pastor of Media Presbyterian Church will officiate/preside at the wedding. Requests for other arrangements must be made with the Senior Pastor. Other clergy may be invited to participate as leaders in the service at the discretion and under the supervision of one of the Pastors. Weddings performed off-site are at the discretion of either Pastor.

If you wish to include the Pastor in the rehearsal dinner and/or the wedding reception, please communicate the invitation/s clearly, well in advance to allow for scheduling.

## **Pre-Marital Counseling**

In preparation for the marriage service, the couple will be counseled by one of the Pastors. This premarital counseling will help you prepare for a new life together. Each Pastor of this church has developed and established his or her own approach to premarital counseling... (cont.)

# Pre-Marital Counseling (cont.)

That approach and the relate materials will be outlined in the initial interview. These sessions are designed to deal with important issues of Christian marriage, as well as planning the service itself.

#### Services & Rehearsal

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at the marriage service requires the approval of the Session and the invitation to the Table is extended to all present.

All members of the wedding party are to be present at the rehearsal: maid or matron of honor, bridesmaids, best man, ushers, ring bearer, flower girl/s, parents of the couple, and, of course, the Bride and Groom. It is not only a mark of courtesy, but essential that every member of the wedding party be punctual. The marriage license should be presented at this time. Please bring a copy of your wedding program and your unity candle (if you plan to have one.)

#### **Flowers**

The Bride and Groom are responsible for making all arrangements with the florist for bouquets, decorations and aisle runner, if desired. Floral arrangements should be completed and in place one hour before the service begins. If you wish to leave flowers for distribution to hospitalized or housebound church members, please advise the office in advance.



# **Inviting the Congregation**

Should you desire to extend a general invitation to the church membership, an invitation should be sent to the church in care of the Session.



#### Music

The music you choose for your wedding plays an important part in setting the tone of the worship service. Care should be taken to select music appropriate both to the circumstances and the church setting. Our Church Director of Music and/or your wedding accompanist can offer valuable suggestions on music selections.

If you wish to have organ or piano accompaniment, please contact the office for a list of recommended musicians. If you wish to provide your own musical talent, please make the church office aware so that we may plan accordingly.

Please be aware, if you would like your song lyrics displayed for sing-a-long during the service, the technical team will need copies of lyrics at least two weeks in advance.

#### **Rules of Conduct**

Smoking and vaping are not allowed inside the church building. The use of rice, confetti or birdseed is prohibited. Bubbles or rose petals are acceptable outside the church building, only after the bridal couple has begun to descend the church steps. Children must be supervised by their parents at all times for their own safety. It is the responsibility of the Bride and Groom to ensure that all members of the wedding party and guests abide by these rules.

#### **Further Assistance**

We are here to help you as much as possible during the time you are preparing for this special event in your lives. Please feel free to contact the church staff with questions or if you wish to see our facility. Together we wish you God's best as you begin your Christian marriage.





