

CONGRATULATIONS

On your Engagement...

It is a “gift from God” when two people are brought together under the umbrella of LOVE and choose to want to live their lives together forever. Yes, a marriage or a union is a blessing—given to all human-kind for the wellbeing of the entire human family. Weddings and Unions are occasions to celebrate this covenant while giving thanksgiving to God for the relationship of the couple with the support of the congregation of family and friends who join them in this service of worship.

All staff at Redeemer Church are here to help make each wedding or union day authentic, worshipful and meaningful for both the couple and their families.

We respectfully request that the couples coming to us pay careful attention to our guidelines and consider why, when, and how we officiate services of marriage or unions within our church building.

Our interpretation of “**two becoming one**” is that of a covenant through which two people offer vows before God in which they promise to live out together their lives of discipleship to God through their devotion to one another, their trust in the Holy Spirit and their faith in Jesus Christ. These vows are publicly witnessed and acknowledged by the community of faith.

A church wedding is a worship service, therefore, we ask that couples are Christian, or are open to exploring their faith in God with the officiating pastor during the marriage preparation meetings and through regular participation in a faith community.

We hope Redeemer Church will become your permanent church home during and after your preparation for marriage/union. Though wherever you go after your wedding, know the God of grace, compassion, and love will accompany you on your journey together.

St. Paul says to us in 1st Corinthians 13...

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

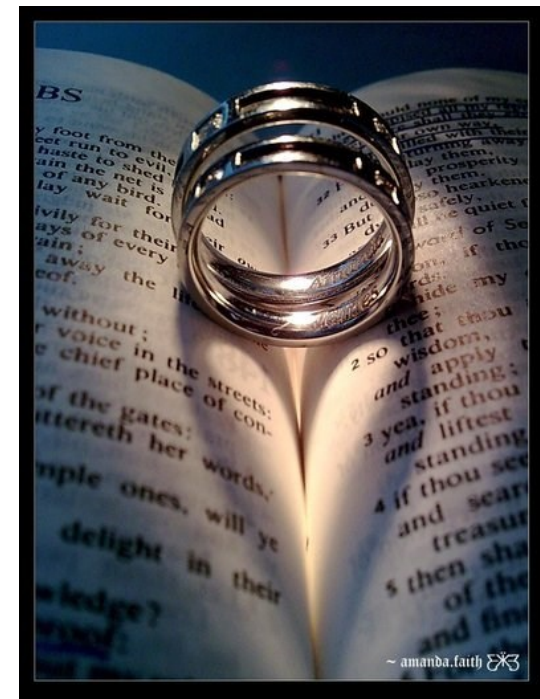
⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”*



Weddings or Unions

At Redeemer Church



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Timeline to your special day

As you plan your wedding/Union, we are here to help make it your day. Music is an important part of your celebration. Please anticipate a meeting with our Minister of Music, **Tom Jones at least two months before your special day.** We have a wonderful sound system that can be used in place of an organ or piano if you wish.

Also it is important that you meet with our Pastor at least two months before your wedding to work out the details of your Wedding/Union plans. You will be reminded you are to secure your marriage license at least one month before the date. Don't hesitate to ask questions along the way.

Preparation For your special day

Redeemer Church is committed to celebrating and sustaining life-giving, loving relationships. In order to do this, we utilize proven pre-marriage materials from the Prepare/ Enrich organization as part of our marriage preparation process.

All couples preparing for both marriage and unions are expected to meet **at least** (3) times with their presiding pastor before their wedding day. These individual meetings are intended to provide tools and resources that will be helpful to the couples before and after their wedding day. The Prepare/Enrich program materials assist with discussions about communication, goals and expectations, personality types and compatibility. They have been lauded by couples as one of the most helpful parts of the marriage preparation process.

All-in-all, couples state that there are great benefits in sitting down and sharing with a neutral person about their individual pasts, presents and dreams for their future together—benefits that solidly ground them in God for the life they have planned together.

Wedding / Union Costs

MAIN SANCTUARY

\$250	PERSONNEL FEES
\$400	BUILDING USE FEES
\$300	COUNSELING FEES
\$950	TOTAL COST

COST A \$400 deposit is due to secure your wedding date. The remaining balance is due in full one week prior to your wedding day. Cancellations may only be made in writing by the bride or groom.

Personnel Fees include the compensation for the presiding minister, minister of music, and building custodian and include their time on the day of the wedding and before.

Building Use Fees support the mission of the church as they are invested into Building & Grounds costs and the Christian outreach ministries of the church.

*Building Use Fees are waived for **Members of Redeemer Church** as they support the mission of the church through annual sharing of time, talent and treasure in the weekly offertory and service opportunities



Sanctuary Options



The sanctuary at Redeemer has a simple air to air and can seat 150 people comfortably. The classically-styled pews, stained glass window of the empty tomb and beamed ceiling make this a memorable place. Our piano and sound system may provide music for an elegant ceremony.

