



Providence United Methodist Church

Charlotte, North Carolina

Music Ministry

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MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

Weddings are an important part of the life of the church. The goal of the Music Ministry is to provide the highest quality of music possible for each wedding and to ensure that every couple has a pleasant and fulfilling experience while planning their wedding.

Couples are encouraged to contact the Music office as soon as they schedule their wedding on the church calendar. It is necessary to get on the Music Ministry's calendar as soon as possible, so that there will be no conflicts with the wedding date and the availability of an organist. We recommend that couples schedule an appointment to choose their wedding music at least six weeks prior to their wedding.

The Director of Music or the Staff Organist of Providence United Methodist Church will serve as organist for all weddings held in the Sanctuary. If either is unable to play for a wedding, an approved organist of the Music Ministry's choice will be invited to play for the ceremony. All music needs to be approved by the Music Office well in advance of the wedding.

Weddings at Providence United Methodist Church are services of worship, and it is expected that all music used will be sacred in nature. A representative from the Music Ministry will meet personally with each couple to help the couple make desirable and appropriate choices. Every effort will be made to honor the special music requests from each couple. Please note that the Music Office will have the final approval over all music used for the wedding. This includes both instrumental and vocal music. All vocal music should be scriptural or sacred in nature. Please note that pre-recorded music is not allowed during the wedding.

If soloists and instrumentalists are needed for the wedding, the Music Office will recommend approved musicians and contract them according to their availability. Guest musicians requested by the couple must have approval from the Music Office well in advance of the wedding. Once guest musicians are secured, the organist for the wedding will set up any necessary rehearsal time.

The organist fee for weddings is \$300.00. Checks should be made payable to the organist and paid at the wedding rehearsal. The organist will be at wedding rehearsals whenever possible. Fees for guest musicians will be negotiated on an individual basis. Checks should be made payable to the individual and given to the organist at the wedding rehearsal. There may be small additional fees required for extra rehearsals with soloists and instrumentalists. These will be negotiated on an individual basis with each couple.

We are honored to share in the preparation and experience of your wedding. The Music Office will do all that is necessary to make your wedding a memorable and blessed day.