

MSPC WEDDING POLICY

We hope the following information will be helpful for couples to determine if Miami Shores Presbyterian Church (MSPC) is that special place God has planned for their wedding.

MSPC is a wonderful setting for weddings large or small. The beautiful sanctuary and the quaint chapel are outward visual signs of spiritual beauty and sacredness.

Weddings are scheduled at the church subject to the approval of Session.

Rev. Kim Robles
MSPC – Transitional Pastor

Statement on Marriage:

Christian marriage is a unique commitment, much like a covenant relationship, where two people make vows to be bound together, before God and a community of believers, as partners, in a grace-filled, loving and faithful manner. The love and commitment that the wedded partners have should be built on a loving relationship with God, themselves and each other.

Yes, marriage is a gift from God! May the church be a space for the married couple to continue to grow, not only individually, but also as a new family unit, in its spiritual practices and formation.

Wedding Information

The following information and fee schedule is provided for the prospective wedding couple to consider early on in the discernment process. This information should be reviewed by the couple prior to scheduling a meeting with the on-site coordinator. No wedding can be confirmed or scheduled before a meeting with our on-site Wedding Coordinator.

MSPC facilities are made available for weddings only when a pastor of MSPC/pastor affiliate recommends approval.

Each couple considering MSPC as the site of their wedding is encouraged to consider the following fee and related information even before contacting the church office.

The fee structure is aimed at encouraging weddings and membership in the church. It is our heartfelt belief that it is as important for a couple to be in church after the wedding as it is for them to be in church prior to for the wedding.

Neither the bride or groom is "required" to be members of the church at the time of the wedding in order to be married by one of our pastors/affiliates at the church.

Wedding Fee Schedule

	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
Sanctuary	\$1500	\$800
Chapel	700	400
Pastor	500	300
Organist/Pianist	300	250
On-Site Wedding Coordinator	300	250
Custodian	250	150
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Total Sanctuary	\$2850	\$1750
Total Chapel	\$2050	\$1250

Security Deposit

In order for a wedding to be placed on the calendar, an initial refundable deposit of \$500.00 for the Sanctuary, or \$350.00 for the Chapel, must be received. This saves the date for your wedding and will be returned to you after the wedding takes place, provided there are no late fees or damage to church property.

*Please note the above fees and corresponding costs reflect a reduction in expense to the couple bride/or groom is an active member of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church at the time of the wedding and the couple plans to remain active members of the church following the wedding.

Our On-site Wedding Coordinator

Our on-site wedding coordinator assists with planning and coordinating logistics leading up to the rehearsal and wedding. The on-site coordinator naturally attends the rehearsal and wedding ceremony. All aspects of the wedding at the MSPC campus are managed by MSPC staff, even when a professional wedding consultant is to be utilized by the couple. Every aspect of the wedding that occurs at MSPC is carried out under the supervision of the pastor or his or her designee.

Our Director of Music

Our director of music, or his designee, confers with the couple in advance of the rehearsal, attends and provides music for both the rehearsal and the wedding. It is required that the rehearsal be scheduled at a time when the primary musician for the wedding can attend.

The Rehearsal (One Hour)

Yes, even for the simplest wedding ceremony, a rehearsal is required. It must be scheduled at time that enables all key people to attend.

Decorations at MSPC

A general written proposal concerning church decorations being planned for the wedding must be submitted in writing to MSPC in advance of scheduling the wedding. Any and all decorations for the wedding at MSPC must be approved by MSPC. No decoration is permitted that will deface or damage any MSPC property. Because weddings are typically in the worship of the church, the appropriateness, content, material and placement of decorations for the wedding must be approved by MSPC.

Late Start – Late Fees

Weddings commence promptly as scheduled at MSPC. There are costs incurred by the church when weddings are delayed. For each thirty minute increment a wedding is delayed there will be a consequent \$200 chapel fee or \$300 sanctuary fee due the church in addition to all charges and fees previously paid MSPC.