

Fees

Required:

Building Use \$2,500
for non-parishioners)
*(A deposit of \$500 is required to
reserve the wedding date.)*

Church Cleaning \$225

Optional:

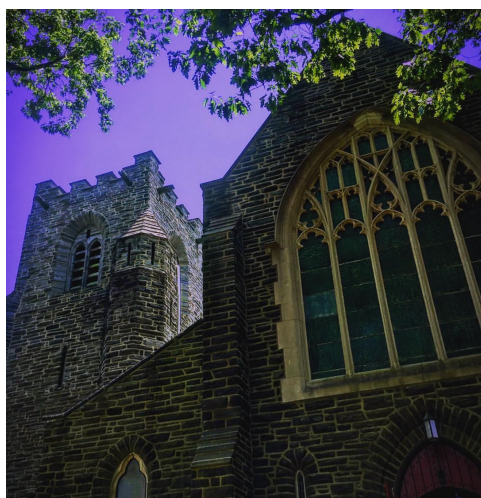
Organist \$400

Soloist \$150

Choir \$100/singer

*There is no building use fee for parishioners or children of parishioners of Good Shepherd. Please note that parishioners are defined as communicants in good standing, whose baptism is recorded in the parish register, who contribute financially to the support of the parish, and who have made Good Shepherd their regular place of worship for at least one year and have received Communion at least three times in the past year.

*Building use fees include use of the church and cloister buildings.



What steps should I take?

1. Contact the parish office to inquire about the possibility of a wedding date.
2. Schedule an initial meeting with Father Kyle.
3. If you are not a parishioner, send your \$500 deposit to the parish office to reserve your wedding date.
4. Arrange for pre-marital preparation sessions with Father Kyle.
5. Return the signed Declaration of Intention and completed couple information form to Father Kyle.
6. Arrange for a marriage license.
7. Bring marriage license (and remaining building use fee for non-parishioners), as well as checks for other fees, to the wedding rehearsal.
8. Get married!

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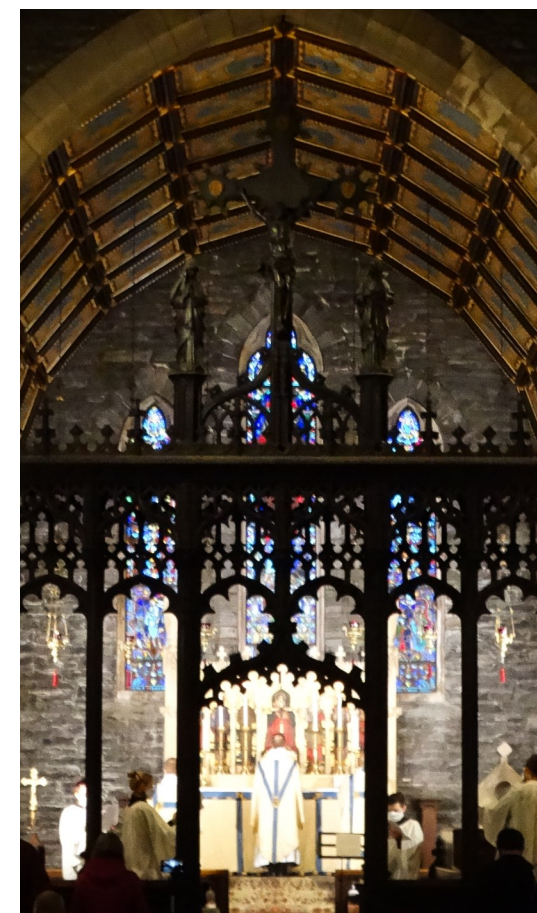
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Weddings at the Church of the Good Shepherd



Christian Marriage

As stated in the *Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church, “Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between two persons in the presence of God. In the Episcopal Church, it is required that at least one of the couple be a baptized Christian; that the ceremony be attested by at least two witnesses; and that the marriage conform to the laws of the State and the canons of the Episcopal Church.

Marriage is considered a sacrament within the Church, which means that it is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. The marriage of two people signifies to both the Church and the world the union of Christ and his Church.

Marriage vows are lifelong, monogamous, unconditional, and are made in the presence of God and of his Church.



Who may be married at Good Shepherd?

General Information

All parishioners of Good Shepherd who are communicants in good standing may be married here. Parishioners should contact Father Kyle Babin to arrange for an initial meeting to discuss marriage.

Non-parishioners may also be married at Good Shepherd with the permission of the rector and as long as one of the couple is baptized. To inquire about marriage, please contact Father Kyle Babin to set up an initial meeting. This meeting allows the couple and priest to discuss mutual expectations and discern whether Good Shepherd is a suitable location for the wedding.

Same-gender Weddings

Same-gender couples, in accordance with the canons of the Episcopal Church, may be married at Good Shepherd.

Marriage for Divorced Persons

The Episcopal Church allows for the marriage of a divorced person with the consent of the diocesan bishop. In marriage preparation, the priest and couple will discuss the circumstances of a previous divorce, and assuming that no future impediments to Christian marriage are discerned, the bishop's permission for remarriage will be requested.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation is required for marriage within the Episcopal Church. The couple should plan for at least five one-hour sessions, exploring the sacrament of marriage and the Christian understanding of marriage, as well as a discussion of family histories and the couple's own relationship. Once it is established that a wedding will take place at Good Shepherd, these sessions can be arranged with the priest.

The Marriage Liturgy

Weddings at Good Shepherd use the rites provided for in the *Book of Common Prayer*. The rector of Good Shepherd officiates at all weddings, unless special permission is granted for other arrangements.

Weddings may take the form of either a Marriage Office or Nuptial Mass. The Marriage Office (without Holy Communion) is around 30 minutes in length, while a Mass lasts about one hour and includes Holy Communion.

Weddings are not permitted during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The wedding rehearsal is usually held the evening before the wedding at 6 p.m.

If music is desired, all arrangements will be made with Good Shepherd's Organist & Choirmaster.