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THE CHURCH WEDDING

A wedding is a happy and holy occasion. The Christian wedding is a worship service in which the Bride and Groom are joined together by a holy God. It is not a civil, secular ceremony, although it satisfies the state requirements for a legally recognized civil marriage. Through the Christian wedding, Bride and Groom make covenant with one another and with God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

The church and pastor are eager to make the wedding ceremony beautiful and meaningful, and to consider personal tastes and style. Remember, however, that it is first a Christian service of worship, so the pastor will include traditional scripture readings, prayers, liturgies, and vows.

A wedding at the Pink Church may be held in the main sanctuary or the chapel. Regardless of location, the wedding shall be conducted under the sole direction of the pastor. Visiting clergy may officiate, with the approval of the Pink Church pastor.

OFF-SITE WEDDING

The pastor is willing to officiate weddings off-site at a private or a public location, like parks, beaches, back yards, or private clubs. Confirm your choice location with the pastor *before* booking the venue. The pastor's oversight of the ceremony, and clergy fees, apply regardless of location.

PRE-MARITAL PREPARATION

Couples should plan for two to four preparatory sessions with the pastor. These meetings include discussion based on assigned readings and exercises, so ample time should be allowed for this important process. Typically the pre-marriage preparation unfolds over a two to three month period of time.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The couple should acquire their marriage license from the County Clerk's office within sixty days of the wedding ceremony.

There is a fee associated with this license and both parties must be present. Ask the Clerk about a discount for participating in pre-marriage counseling with the pastor. ***Please hand deliver your marriage license to the pastor as soon as you receive it from the Clerk's office.***

SETTING THE DATE

Weddings must be held when there are no previously scheduled church events. The earlier you confirm your wedding date the better. Weddings are not normally permitted on church holy days/times, like Christmas Eve or Christmas day, or during Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter). Weddings are also not normally scheduled for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Thanksgiving.

WEDDING MUSIC

Music for the wedding should be appropriate for the occasion of worshipping God. Classical music and hymns or anthems as well as contemporary praise songs are appropriate. A variety of instrumentation is appropriate. Schedule consultations with church musicians upon confirming your wedding date. Outside musicians or vocalists may be brought in with the approval of the pastor.

BRIDE'S ROOM

For the convenience of the Bride, the Pink Church has a bride's room where she may comfortably change and dress in private. It is located on the second floor above the main sanctuary lobby (accessible by elevator or stairs). The church cannot assume responsibility for valuables left in the Bride's Room (or any other space) during the ceremony.

ACCESSORIES

The Pink Church has several wedding accessories, like candelabras and candles. Inquire about the inventory of items if you wish to consider their use.

WEDDING FLOWERS & DÉCOR

Flowers, decorations, and other appointments should not be unduly elaborate. No pins, tacks, tape or glue may be used to fasten items to church furniture or carpet. Flowers and other decorations should be removed from the facility immediately after guests have departed. Live flower petals may not be used. Arrangements for this should be made prior to the rehearsal.

REHEARSALS

Typically, rehearsals are conducted the day before the wedding. The wedding rehearsal is conducted exclusively by the officiating pastor, not by a wedding coordinator. The rehearsal should be scheduled when the wedding date is fixed. The rehearsal should begin promptly at the scheduled time. Small weddings with few, or no, attendants may not require a formal rehearsal.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Flash photographs may not be taken during the service. Photographers may take pictures up and down the aisles during the processional and recessional. During the service, however, the photographer must remain in a fixed location so as not to cause distraction. The Bride and Groom should inform their photographer of these instructions prior to rehearsal. Videographers must follow the same guidelines.

NON-MEMBER FEES

Sanctuary (seats 600):	\$1,500.00
Chapel (seats 80):	\$700.00
Custodian/Administration:	included
AVL Technician:	included
Organist/pianist:	\$250.00
Clergy:	\$300.00

Checks should be made payable to “First Presbyterian Church.” Separate checks to individuals (organist/pianist and clergy) should be made to the name of *each* professional participating in the service. All fees should be paid in full by the beginning of the rehearsal, or sooner, and *not* on the day of the wedding.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Pastoral Administrator, Cyle Morpeth at 954-941-2308 x106.

CONGRATULATIONS

The staff and congregation of the Pink Church wish you every happiness as you begin your life together. As you have been joined together in a Christian covenant, we hope that the church will continue to be a vital part of your new marriage. God bless you!

