



WEDDINGS

AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

GENESIS 2:21-24

DEAR MARRIAGE CANDIDATES,

Congratulations on your engagement! We are excited to hear about your plans for marriage. Marriage is the most beautiful gift from God. The Bible starts with a wedding (of Adam and Eve) and ends in the book of Revelation with a wedding (of Christ and the church). Marriage is entirely God's idea. As you consider marriage, it is our hope that you will make every effort to understand and put into practice all God's purposes for marriage. This way you will have the marriage you have always dreamed of; the one your Creator created for you, one that will last a lifetime. A marriage rooted in Jesus, and nourished with unconditional love and forgiveness is a lasting marriage that will draw both of you closer to God.

Here at Christ Community Church, we are passionate about investing in marriages according to God's purpose. We are delighted to walk alongside you in this exciting time, and be able to bless you with our resources so your marriage can be built on Biblical principles. This way your wedding can be all that it was designed to be: a glorious Christian celebration of two lives becoming one. Your wedding day will be so much more than just a great party, it will represent a sacred threshold you will both cross, as you begin the blessed journey of your lives together.

–CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING WEDDING.

*Because of the investment we hope to make in the lives of couples,
those considering marriage at Christ Community Church must affirm the
following guidelines which are rooted in our doctrine and values:*

- The Bible speaks of the danger of being “unequally yoked”, defined as a Christ-follower marrying one who is not (1 Cor. 7:39 & 2 Cor. 6:14). Because of this biblical teaching, we are unable to perform such a wedding. A pastor will, however, meet and explain how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- If you are currently living together or sexually involved, we ask that you make alternate living arrangements so that your relationship with each other is in accordance with God’s plan for marriage. We also ask that you both sign a sexual purity covenant.
- In the instance of pre-marital pregnancy, the decision to perform a wedding will be at the discretion of the pastor.
- Christ Community Church will not marry a couple, nor allow a wedding on site, if either of them have been divorced in the last 24 months. In a situation where one or both parties have been divorced 24 months or longer, the decision to re-marry will be based on:
 - the circumstances of the divorce(s)
 - whether or not every attempt had been made for reconciliation
- Participation in a Divorce Recovery Workshop or some other type of approved counseling is required for those seeking re-marriage.
- Christ Community Church reserves the right to postpone or decline a wedding based on individual issues.
- Attend our church regularly for at least 3 months before scheduling a wedding.



INITIAL PLANNING OF YOUR WEDDING

- Fill out the Pre-Marriage Wedding Form, found on ccclife.org/weddings
- Initial phone or in-person interview with care pastor or campus pastor to receive wedding approval and confirm schedule.
- Meet with the wedding coordinator or pastor to confirm date, time, and ceremony details. Read and sign the wedding guidelines and contract.
 - A pastor outside the church who is requested to perform the ceremony must contact the care pastor or campus pastor before the wedding is approved.
- Apply for a marriage license from the county clerk in the county that you are going to be married in and bring it to church on rehearsal day to give to the pastor. After your ceremony, the pastor will sign your marriage license and mail it to the county clerk to be recorded.
- Weddings can be scheduled up to one year in advance.

RECEPTIONS

Christ Community Church does not host receptions on-site. We encourage the bride and groom to seek the use of a facility designed for this type of event.



PRE-MARITAL DISCIPLESHIP GUIDELINES

Christ Community Church requires every couple being married at our church, or by our pastors at another location, to complete pre-marriage discipleship.



- There are 9 sessions (approx. 90 min. long) done over a period of 4-6 months prior to the wedding.
- Your campus pastor will connect you with a mentoring couple, and they will arrange your sessions.
- The first session will include a “Prepare/Enrich Inventory” of your relationship. The cost for the inventory will be charged online.
- The following sessions will address these topics:

<i>Why Marriage?</i>
<i>God’s Equation for Marriage</i>
<i>Evaluating Your Relationship</i>
<i>A Decision-Making Guide</i>
<i>Authentic Communication</i>
<i>Roles and Responsibilities</i>
<i>Money, Money, Money</i>
<i>Intimacy</i>

WEDDING OPTIONS

Due to weekend service times, holidays, and room availability at each campus, please discuss your desired date and time with your pastor or wedding coordinator before making final plans.



OPTION 1 | OFF-SITE CEREMONY

A Christ Community pastor will travel to the destination of your wedding to perform the ceremony. Coordination of the wedding party is the responsibility of the couple. It is recommended that you appoint/hire a wedding coordinator. Transportation and hotel costs (if applicable) must be discussed with the officiating pastor prior to your wedding.

OPTION 2 | CEREMONY AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Package includes a wedding coordinator (if available), room set-up, a rehearsal, five hours of building use, including a bride's room, a groom's room, and tear down after the ceremony (campus-specific).

FEES FOR WEDDINGS AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor provided by Christ Community Church	\$350
Wedding Coordinator (if available)	\$300
Instrumentalist and Vocalists <i>provided by Christ Community Church</i>	\$150 per person \$250 if one musician performs both instrumentals & vocals.
Technician provided by Christ Community Church	\$200
Cleaning fee (campus-specific)	

On-campus fees are due six weeks prior to the wedding date.
Payment can be made to Christ Community Church via check or credit card.



WEDDING MUSIC

Christ Community Church is blessed to have many talented musicians and vocalists who are able to perform at your ceremony. Your wedding coordinator or pastor will guide you through the musician selection process.

Christ Community Church reserves the right to deny music selections that may be deemed inappropriate for a Christian environment. **All secular music selections must be approved by the officiating pastor, three months in advance.**



AUDIO/VISUAL SUPPORT

A Christ Community Church technician will set up and control the sound system and lighting. **All audio-visual needs must be submitted two weeks prior to the wedding.**

WEDDING COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

**If Available*



A wedding coordinator available for three meetings prior to the wedding. A typical schedule would be:

First meeting to be scheduled following pastoral approval to discuss details.

Second meeting 3-4 months prior to the wedding to review order of service, finalize music, and confirm rehearsal details.

Third meeting 2-3 weeks prior to the wedding for final details.

Email / phone correspondence available between meetings.

A wedding coordinator on-site for:

Guidance for decorating reserved space (2 hours)

The wedding rehearsal (1.5 hours)

The wedding (3 hours prior, and 2 hours after the wedding start time)

DECORATION GUIDELINES

- Please connect with your wedding coordinator or pastor for detailed guidelines regarding set-up/teardown and available wedding decor.
- A time slot will be allotted for decorating the church the day prior to the wedding. Times will be set with the wedding coordinator or pastor. The wedding coordinator or pastor will help direct this activity, however please provide family/friends to assist in the decorating process.



**Immediately following the wedding, please arrange a designated person to be responsible for removing all flowers, and collecting your personal décor items.*

REHEARSAL GUIDELINES

- A 1.5 hour time slot will be allotted for a wedding rehearsal prior to the wedding.
- The wedding coordinator and the officiating pastor will be in charge of the rehearsal.
- We do not allow for parties on-site after the rehearsal.



WEDDING DAY GUIDELINES

- The church will be available for use 3 hours prior and 2 hours after the wedding start time (ie: 1:00pm wedding start, the building will be available from 10am to 3pm).
- Please be considerate of other events which may be occurring in the building in other areas.
- The bride and bridesmaids will be provided a room to prepare for the ceremony. Please remember to clear this room of all personal belongings before leaving the building.
- The groom and his attendants will be provided a room to dress and prepare for the ceremony. Please remember to clear this room of all personal belongings before leaving the building.
- Silk flower petals may be tossed by the flower girl if desired. Fresh or dried flower petals are not allowed.
- Rice, non-biodegradable confetti, birdseed, balloons and flower petals are prohibited. Bubbles and bells are encouraged.
- Use of tape, nails, tacks or staples on any wood, wall or painted surface in the facility is prohibited.
- Written ceremony programs are the responsibility of the bride and groom.

SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Denotes places for songs.*

A wedding service usually runs 25-35 minutes.



- Prelude Music
(the 15-20 minutes before the ceremony when guests are being seated)
- Processional*
- Seating of the grandparents on both sides
- Seating of the parents
- Light the Unity candle tapers *(if applicable)*
- Pastor & Groom Enter
- Bridal Party enters
- Bride's Processional*
(A change in the music that signifies Here comes the Bride)
- Welcome and Prayer
- Giving away of the Bride
- Scripture reading
- Praise and worship *(optional)*
- Wedding message/Pastoral Meditation
- Exchange of Marriage Vows
- Exchange of Rings
- Communion *(for the Bride and Groom)**
- Unity Candle, sand or knot*
- Presentation of the couple
- Closing Prayer
- Recessional*

CAMPUS INFORMATION

AURORA

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DEKALB

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HUNTLEY

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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE A PART
OF YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

