As you begin your wedding planning, we look forward to assisting with the music for your special day. We typically use the organ or piano, with soloists being optional. If you have friends or family members who plan to participate, please provide Dr. Dixon with their contact information.

All music and musicians must be pre-approved regardless of who is playing or singing. We allow classical and contemporary music as well as Contemporary Christian songs. We do not allow secular love songs. “Popular” music is best used at your reception.

The organist and soloists fees are separate from the church’s fee. The organist fee is $175.00. This is paid directly to Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, Director of Music Ministry or Paul Otte, Director of Music Emeritus prior to the rehearsal. Once your wedding date is set on the church’s calendar, we will make sure that one of us is available to play for your date.

One more very important thing: Once the organist begins playing, there is no way for us to communicate with Pastor or the Wedding Planner. We will finish playing at the time of your ceremony and the church’s bell will ring. It is imperative that the mothers are seated and that you are ready to go. We will begin exactly on time.

Again, we look forward to working with you!

Here are some of the most common musical suggestions. The organist will play many possible selections for you when we meet to plan your music.

**Prelude or Processional / Unity Candle**

Trumpet Voluntaries (there are many different ones)

- Jeremiah Clarke (Prince of Denmark’s March); John Stanley; Henry Purcell
- Pachelbel: Canon in D
- J.S. Bach: Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
- Handel: Water Music (some movements are slow, some are fast)
- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (some movements are slow, some are fast)
- Arioso by Paul Manz
- How Beautiful by Twila Paris
- 18th Variation by Sergie Rachmaninoff
- The Gift of Love (When Love is Found)...English melody
Recessional / Postlude
Toccata from Symphony No. 5 by Charles Marie Widor
Hornpipe from Water Music by Georg Frederic Handel
Now Thank We All Our God, J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox
Prelude in Classical Style by Gordon Young
Postlude on Old 100th (Doxology) by Fred Bock

Hymns, Songs, Solos
Our hymnal has three wedding hymns:
   Hymn 858 (Maroon): O Father, All Creating
   Hymn 859 (Maroon): Lord, When You Came a Welcome Guest
   Hymn 860 (Maroon): Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing
The Gift of Love / When Love Is Found (found in various hymnals)
The Lord’s Prayer...Albert Hay Malotte
If you have a soloist, please meet with us for more suggestions.

The following musical selections are not permitted at Peace.
It is recommended that “popular” selections be used at the wedding reception.
Secular music, opera solos, and show tunes
Popular love songs
Country love songs
Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin by Richard Wagner
Wedding March from A Midsummer Night’s Dream by Felix Mendelssohn

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