



Wedding Music Policy and Guide

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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 optional soloists. All music and musicians must be pre-approved regardless of who is playing or singing.

Since the wedding ceremony is considered a “worship service,” we do **not** allow secular music, show tunes, popular love songs, country love songs, or operatic selections like the Bridal Chorus by Wagner. The organist will schedule a time to meet with you and assist in the selection of your music. “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.

If you plan to have a soloist, please make sure they can arrange to practice with the organist sometime on or before the wedding rehearsal date. Pre-recorded accompaniment tracks for soloists are **not** permitted.

On your wedding day: Once the organist begins the prelude, there is no way for us to communicate with Pastor or the Wedding Planner. The organist will stop playing exactly on time and the church’s bell will ring. It is imperative that the mothers are seated and that you are ready to go. We always begin exactly on time.

Several musical selections are listed below.

Prelude or Processional / Unity Candle

Trumpet Voluntary (there are many different ones): Clarke, Stanley, Purcell, etc.

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

Music for the Unity Candle or Soloist

The Gift of Love (When Love is Found)...English melody

You Raise Me Up....Josh Groban

Contemporary Christian songs

Christian hymns

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

Congregational Hymns - These are optional.

We rarely sing congregational hymns at a wedding but our hymnal has three options.

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

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