

# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

*I Corinthians 13:4-7,13*

Congratulations on your commitment to be married!

This booklet is designed to assist both of you in planning your wedding.

Since we are a community of Christian faith, we also hope your wedding can be an expression of gratitude to God for the gifts of life and love. As the words commonly used in our wedding services express it, "God has established and sanctified marriage for the welfare and happiness of God's people."

The time between now and your wedding will be busy. There is a host of decisions to be made. We are eager to help.



## **Information Regarding Procedures**

The contents of this booklet are to help you become familiar with our church, the way weddings are handled here, and our commitment to a wedding that is in integrity with the Christian faith.

### **Facility Use and Regulations**

No smoking is permitted inside church buildings per California State Law.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside church buildings or on church grounds (including their use as ingredients for punch.)

The Sanctuary accommodates approximately 950 people and Kit Stewart Chapel accommodates approximately 170 people.

### **Candles**

The church will provide candles for our candelabra.

### **Ceremony**

Your wedding ceremony is important to you and your guests. It should reflect your convictions and plans. You will be given two wedding services from which to select. The planning of the service is to be done with the pastor performing your marriage.

### **Counseling**

Before weddings are performed in this church, there will be a minimum of one counseling appointment with the couple. Please call the pastor's administrative assistant to schedule your counseling appointment.

## **Flowers**

There are no restrictions regarding flowers in the church. However, as Calvary has its own beauty, excessive flowers are not needed. The florist you select is welcome to contact the Wedding Coordinator to come and look at the facilities. The florist should make arrangements with the Wedding Coordinator for the delivery of flowers to the church. If you wish to leave your flowers for Sunday Worship, please arrange with the wedding coordinator.

## **Guest Pastor**

It is customary for a pastor from Calvary to perform weddings here. It is certainly possible to have another clergy person work with one of Calvary's pastors during the wedding ceremony. A guest pastor may officiate upon approval of one of our pastors at Calvary.

## **License**

Licenses are required in the State of California and may be acquired at any marriage license bureau. Please bring your license with you to the wedding rehearsal.

## **Music**

Music adds a great deal to a service. A variety of instruments may be used in your wedding. If you want to have an organist, we require you to use our church organist. Music selections should be discussed with the organist.

If you want to have a soloist, the church can make contact with one of the soloists who regularly sing at Calvary. You need to let the Wedding Coordinator know of your desire to have a soloist. If you prefer to have a soloist of your own selection, please discuss this with the Wedding Coordinator.

## Payment

The Wedding Coordinator will review the fees and charges for a wedding at Calvary. Full payment must be made four weeks in advance of the wedding date. A deposit is required at the time the wedding date is set. Checks should be made payable and mailed to Calvary Presbyterian Church to the attention of the Wedding Coordinator.

## Photographs

A wedding ceremony is a service of worship. The spirit of such a service can well be joyful and celebrative, yet there must be restrictions on the taking of pictures and videos.

If you are printing a bulletin, we request you place a note in the bulletin asking guests to refrain from taking pictures during the service. Calvary will also provide an insert for your program explaining the guidelines.

Pictures may be taken of the processional and recessional only by the designated photographer. During the service itself, pictures may only be taken by the designated photographer from the balcony, without flash.

Before and after the ceremony, the church will be available for photographs. Parts of the ceremony may be re-enacted with the pastor.

Video cameras may be used during the service. Such cameras may be used in the center back of the balcony. They may also be set on tripods in the chancel at a place selected in consultation with the pastor. If a video camera is set on a tripod in the chancel, no one shall man it, it must operate on it's own.

Anyone who is designated to take photographs or a video during your wedding must speak with the Wedding Coordinator before the ceremony about these guidelines and restrictions.

## Reception

Receptions are possible in the Chapel Lounge (accommodates 100-standing), Calvin Hall (accommodates 400-standing) or Lower Level (accommodates 400-standing) in conjunction with a wedding performed at Calvary. Speak with the wedding coordinator about details.

## Rice, Bird Seed, and Confetti

Rice, birdseed, and confetti may not be thrown on church premises.

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