

WEDDING POLICY

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Salt Lake City, Utah

We are happy to engage in serious conversation about wedding arrangements with persons who:

- Are active, worshipping members of St. Paul's,
 - Are actively seeking to become members of the Episcopal Church,
- Have families who are active members of St. Paul's

Because we want to assist couples in the celebration of weddings that are authentic and honest, couples who are members of other denominations are urged to marry in their own religious traditions. Couples contemplating marriage but not belonging to any church are asked to worship at St. Paul's and share in the life of the congregation prior to any marriage preparation. It should be understood that the church is never available for rental.

All weddings require due notice *and* pre-marital counseling. Adequate pre-marital preparation requires a minimum of 5 months notice of plans to marry.

All weddings at St. Paul's are performed according to the rites of *The Book of Common Prayer* and in accordance with the canons of the Episcopal Church and the traditions of St. Paul's.

Because of the weekend schedule of worship, Saturday weddings will not be scheduled for later than 3:00 PM. Weddings may not be scheduled for Sunday.

All music for weddings must be approved by our parish Music Director. Pre-recorded music is not allowed.

All exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Rector.

Schedule of Fees for Weddings at St. Paul's*

Officiating Clergy (to Church Discretionary Fund)	\$300
<i>Includes pre-marital meetings & use of the FOCCUS instrument</i>	
Altar Guild Consultant (rehearsal & wedding)	\$150
Sexton's Fee (clean-up)	\$50

The services and fees listed below are optional

Organist (music consultation, rehearsal & wedding)	\$200
Use of Pew Candles	\$150
Acolyte (necessary if Eucharist is celebrated)	\$25
<i>Instrumental and vocal musicians are available for an additional fee to be determined during the musical consultation.</i>	

****All fees are due prior to the rehearsal at your last meeting with the priest officiating at your wedding.***

****It should be understood that no one will be denied a wedding at St. Paul's due to financial considerations.***

DIRECTIVES FOR WEDDINGS AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All wedding ceremonies are performed according to *The Book of Common Prayer* and respective of the canons of the Episcopal Church and the traditions of St. Paul's Parish.

1. **The Rector is responsible for officiating at all services.** Other parish priests are assigned to officiate when the Rector deems it appropriate. All weddings require due notice and pre-marital counseling. Pre-marital counseling is to be arranged with the priest officiating at the wedding.
2. **COST: The Basic Fee for a wedding at St. Paul's is \$500.** This fee supplies a stipend to the priest's discretionary fund, the parish Altar Guild responsible for the preparation of the building, and a fee to the parish Sexton to defray added cleaning, security, and utility costs. Additional fees may apply with selected options. Please refer to the Wedding Policy form for further information on required and optional fees. *All fees are due prior to the rehearsal at your last meeting with the priest officiating at your wedding . Please Note: No one will be refused a wedding at St. Paul's due to an inability to pay.*
3. **MUSIC:** Since a religious ceremony has been chosen for your wedding, the music must be religious in nature and must fit the general context of the music of this particular church. All music must be cleared with the parish Director of Music. It is the duty of the couple to arrange all appointments with the Director of Music. The initial meeting should be well in advance of the wedding date. As music is optional, please refer to the wedding policies form for fees that are in addition to the total Basic Fee.
4. **FLOWERS:** Only fresh flowers are allowed and they are limited to two arrangements, one on either side of the altar; and must be supplied by the wedding party. Limited flower use is allowed to mark "reserved " pews. The parish Altar Guild is responsible for all flower arrangements and your florist should contact the Guild through the church office. Altar flowers which remain after the ceremony will be taken to the sick and to shut-ins. White runners, or runners of any kind, are not allowed.
5. **CANDLES:** The use of candles must be consistent with the general use of candles in the worship of this parish. Candles at the end of pews are allowed and are supplied by the church for an additional fee of \$100. Sprays may be placed on the pews and on the pew candles by your florist, as approved by the Rector.
6. **PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPE, TAPE & SOUND RECORDINGS:** Photographs are not allowed during the ceremony, whether flash or otherwise. The only exception is a photo taken near the rear of the church as the bridal party enters. Videotaping is permitted, but only from a designated place in the church. No video lights are allowed. Taped sound recordings may be made only if the microphone is concealed.
7. **A WEDDING BULLETIN** can be prepared for you by the church office on ivory or white paper. An information form is provided in the wedding packet. *The completed information form must be in the office one week before the wedding and it must be proofed by the couple no later than the day before the rehearsal.* If a bulletin is prepared elsewhere, its content must receive the approval of the officiating priest before it is printed.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS:** The throwing of rice, bird seed, or flower petals within the church or entryway is not allowed.
9. *No alcoholic beverages are allowed in church buildings prior to, during, or following the ceremony.*