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# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PLEASANT VALLEY

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## Wedding Guidelines

*“Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Mark 10:9*

### Welcome

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We are excited to be celebrating your wedding here at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Planning a wedding is a big undertaking, one that can cause both great stress and great joy not only for you as a couple, but also for family, friends, and all who love you both. In order to assist you with your preparations and to answer common questions, we have prepared this booklet for you. If you still have questions after reading this booklet, don't hesitate to call.

## Beliefs

### What are our beliefs concerning marriage?

Marriage is a baptismal call. God's baptismal promise of lifelong faithfulness and daily forgiveness is both the source and the model of marriage. In marriage, two people are called to become an embodied expression of God's love, revealed in Jesus Christ, for each other. Marriage is one way the baptized participate in the life of the Christian community and share its mission of bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Marriage is a gift from God, intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it and for the well-being of the whole human family.

Marriage is a lifelong covenant<sup>1</sup> between two people. Those who enter marriage vow to be faithful to each other as long as they both shall live.

Marriage is a publically accountable event, with vows publically witnessed. The church in worship surrounds these promises with the gathering of God's people, the witness of the word of God, and prayers of blessing and intercession.

### Who may get married at Trinity Lutheran?

Any two people seeking a wedding service and who may be legally united in marriage in the state of Pennsylvania may be married at Trinity Lutheran. However, as a Christian house of worship, all weddings performed here will be Christian worship services.

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<sup>1</sup> A covenant is like a promise between two or more parties but with the weight of binding contract and often with signs, like a rainbow or a ring, to remind everyone of the covenant.

Couples wishing to be married in this church who are not members of the Congregation will need to receive approval from both the Pastor and the Congregation Council. Since marriage is an event involving the entire community, couples should have a connection with the community in which they intend to be married.

### **Why have a wedding in the Church?**

As marriage is part of your baptismal vocation, being surrounded by the Christian community and the words and signs of faith is a natural place for your wedding. Marriage within the church makes central giving praise and thanks to God for blessing the relationship. In addition, at a Christian wedding service, couples are not left to their own efforts to fulfill their promises, but publicly receive God's blessing and support, as well as the blessings and support of family, friends, and the Holy Christian Church.

## **Scheduling**

### **Whom do we contact about getting married?**

Persons planning to be married are expected to consult with the pastor as early as possible to arrange the date and time for the wedding and to make other necessary arrangements. A location for the wedding reception should not be made before the date for the wedding has been confirmed with the church.

### **Do you require pre-marriage counseling?**

Couples are expected to participate in an approved pre-marriage counseling process. Pre-marriage counseling isn't a test. The pre-marriage process is designed to help couples build their marriage relationship on a solid foundation. At its best, pre-marriage counseling is about helping you prepare for marriage, exploring all the questions you may not have considered about life together. In addition, as marriage is a baptismal call, pre-marriage counseling seeks to help you learn how faith fits into your relationship.

There are many ways to do pre-marriage counseling. One preferred approach is to meet with the pastor in person or, if necessary, via video. The sessions with the pastor will normally require three to six sessions of 1 to 1 ½ hours each. Couples will be asked to cover the cost of the materials used during the process. There is no charge for the Pastor's time in this seminar.

The other preferred alternative is to attend a one-day marriage preparedness workshop through Lutheran Congregational Services. Lutheran pastors who specialize in helping people prepare for marriage lead these workshops. After completing the workshop, the couple should let the pastor know how things went. Because the pastor would still like to get to know the couple before the marriage, they may still be required to meet with the pastor once to meet each other and discuss wedding details.

If neither of those options work, the couple may propose alternatives, subject to the approval of the pastor.

If any red flags come up during counseling, you may be asked to seek a professional marriage counselor before getting married. This will not stop you from getting married; rather, it's for the sake of giving your marriage a solid foundation.

### **Do we need a rehearsal?**

A rehearsal is required before the marriage service. Normally the rehearsal is held the night before the service, after work hours. The wedding party, the parents of the couple, and any other

participants should be present. The rehearsal normally requires one (1) hour. A suitable time will be arranged with the pastor.

### **May we use the church for our rehearsal dinner or reception?**

The church maybe be used for the rehearsal dinner or reception at the approval of the congregation office. Please refer to the Facility Use Policy for details on using our building for your reception, including associated fees.

If the reception is held on a Saturday night, it will end by 10pm to allow sufficient time to prepare the building for Sunday worship.

The follow exception to the Facility Use Policy is made for weddings: Wine or champagne, used as a toast to the couple, is permitted at the reception.

## **The Wedding Service**

Because the ceremony involves worship, the church will have final authority over the nature of the service, even while working with the couple for a mutually satisfying and meaningful expression of worship.

### **How long will the wedding be?**

Depending on what's desired by the couple, length may vary, but the average wedding runs 40 minutes. Weddings will be longer if there is communion, and weddings can be made shorter by cutting out some of the non-essential (yet beautiful) parts of the service. It is nearly impossible and greatly minimalizes the importance of the day for the service to be less than 20 minutes.

### **May we have a different pastor perform the service?**

The called pastor at Trinity Lutheran ordinarily performs all weddings in the church. However, requests for other qualified, ordained ministers to either assist with the service or to perform the ceremony instead of the pastor will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **How big may our wedding party be?**

Due to limited space at the front of the sanctuary, couples are encouraged to limit their wedding party to no more than three (3) attendants each. However, no attendants are required for a marriage in Pennsylvania.

### **What rooms will be available for the bridal party?**

Two rooms will be made available to the bridal party for changing and storage: the choir room on the main floor and one room upstairs.

### **How many people may we invite?**

The sanctuary seats approximately 180 people.

### **How can our family and friends participate in the service?**

Everyone who attends the wedding will participate in the service with their praise, prayers, blessing, and witness to the wedding. However, beyond being in the wedding party, the following leadership roles are available:

- Ushers: It is helpful for the congregation to have ushers leading them to their seats and helping them with any issues that may arise before, during, or after the service. Ideally, two (2) people will fulfill this role.

- Cross Bearer: One (1) person may carry the cross, leading the wedding procession (and recession, if desired). This is a wonderful sign of the faith in which this marriage is beginning.
- Book Bearer: One (1) person may carry the Bible into worship, reminding us that God's word is central to our faith. Carrying in the Bible is only appropriate if the cross is processed in as well.
- Acolyte(s): One or two (1-2) people may be chosen to light the candles. If the cross is to be carried in, the acolytes will follow the cross. If not, they will light the candles before the procession begins.
- Reader(s): One or more people may be chosen to read the Scripture readings for the day. The pastor reserves the right to read the Gospel reading.
- Prayers: Prayers will be offered for the couple, the Church, and the whole world. One (1) person may lead the prayers.
- Communion assistants: If the couple desires to have communion during the service, multiple roles are available, from baking the bread and donating the wine to serving as communion assistants.

Anyone in these leadership roles should attend the wedding rehearsal and may not be allowed to fulfill these roles if they aren't at the rehearsal.

### **Can our children participate in the service?**

If the couple has children, they are encouraged to participate in the service. If the children are old enough to speak for themselves, a part of the wedding service may be set aside for them to give their blessings on this marriage.

### **Will the pastor ask, "Who gives this woman?"**

No. There's an old tradition of giving away the bride, originating from the time when women were considered property. Today things are very different. There are a variety of faithful ways in which to involve the parents of both parties in the wedding. The pastor will work with the couple to come up with a way for the parents to express their love and blessing beautifully and appropriately.

Being that marriage is a baptismal vocation and parents are often intimately involved in the baptisms of their children, this is a beautiful opportunity for the couple to gather around the font with their parents.

### **Can the father still bring the bride down the aisle?**

Though the tradition of the father bringing the bride down the aisle originates from the same practices that lead pastors to ask, "Who gives this woman?" the symbol has taken on new meaning and remains beautiful today. Today it is an expression of a family's love for their child (both parents could bring the bride down the aisle, but this tends to look awkward) and the change that is happening in the family today as the couple forms a new family together.

There are other ways to organize the procession, if desired. One worthwhile alternative would be for the couple to process down the aisle together, a sign of the union being formed this day.

### **How do we decided which readings to pick?**

You may pick any passage from the Bible for the readings, as long as it's in harmony with the themes of marriage. As few as one (1) reading may be picked. Up to four (4) readings may be chosen, traditionally one Old Testament, one Psalm, one New Testament, and one Gospel reading, however this pattern isn't required. If there is communion, at least one reading must be chosen

from the Gospels. There is a suggested list of readings found in the appendix. The pastor will help you with these decisions.

If any of the readings picked emphasize the devotion a wife is to have to her husband, a balancing reading emphasizing the devotion a husband is to have to his wife must be chosen as well.

If the couple desires to have one (1) non-Biblical reading in addition to the Scripture readings, they must run the reading by the pastor in advance for approval. The reading must somehow reflect the Christian faith. At least one (1) Scripture reading must still be chosen.

### **Will there be a wedding sermon?**

Lutheran weddings typically involve a sermon, or reflection, on the part of the Pastor. Work with the Pastor in advance on the type of sermon you wish to have, e.g. a short reflection; a more traditional sermon; etc. The sermon should reflect the overall setting of the wedding.

### **Can we write our own vows?**

The couple may write their own vows, but the vows need to be approved by the pastor in advance of the service. The standard vows used at this church may be found in the appendix, along with the standard words spoken at the giving of the rings.

Whether or not the couple writes their own vows, they are encouraged to memorize their vows. The pastor will have a copy of the vows available to support the couple, but it greatly enhances the service if the couple is able to speak their vows from their hearts rather than repeating the pastor.

### **Will the pastor ask if anyone objects?**

There's an old tradition of asking if anyone has reason to object to this marriage. That question is a legal question from the time before computers, seeking to verify that neither person is already married and thus not legally eligible to marry another. In the day of modern technology, the pastor trusts that if the state issued a marriage license, then there is no legal basis for objection exists.

### **Do we have to exchange rings?**

Though American culture tends to expect married couples to wear rings and rings are a widely recognized sign of the marriage covenant, the giving of rings is not required for a wedding. If a couple doesn't desire to exchange rings, a suitable symbol of the marriage needs to be found in its place. As stated above, marriage is a covenant, and covenants always have a sign with them to remind everyone of the covenant.

### **Do we need to have a unity candle?**

Unity candles are an excellent expression of Baptism, reminding us of that the light of Christ is in the couple individually and is shining anew in this marriage. However, they are not necessary and possibly inappropriate if either person is not baptized. Other options to the unity candle include unity sand (an expression that works well when the couple already has children), a unity cross, or the symbol may be skipped entirely. Rings are a sufficient symbol by themselves of the couple's unity.

Having just announced the couple as united in marriage, the space given for the unity candle is a time for celebration. The unity candle offers an opportunity for a soloist to sing, if desired. This is also an excellent time to pray the prayers, centering the marriage in its baptismal vocation.

### **Can we have Holy Communion?**

Since a wedding is a service of worship, the receiving of Holy Communion is appropriate and a sign of the baptismal covenant. It also serves as a symbol of hospitality by the couple, inviting their friends and family to share their first meal together as husband and wife.

Communion does involve certain logistical issues, including serving the bread and wine (or grape juice), communion assistants, and so forth. Holy Communion will add some time to the wedding ceremony as well. Couples are encouraged to discuss whether to offer Holy Communion in the wedding ceremony with the Pastor. If the couple desires the service to include Holy Communion, it will be offered during the service to all present who are baptized and commune in their own church.

Because Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in Christ, if the couple knows a majority of people won't participate, particularly family members, then it would be better not to serve Holy Communion rather than be divisive.

### **Can we have photography during the wedding?**

Absolutely no flash photographs will be taken during the marriage service itself. Any flash photography the couple desires may be taken before or after the service.

One, and only one, photographer may be permitted during the service, and only if they are in a position not to distract others from worship, including bothering people with the sound of the camera. This one photographer may be permitted to use flash during the procession and only during the procession. All others at the worship service will be asked to refrain from all photography.

### **Can we record the wedding?**

One person is allowed to video record from the balcony as long as they do not block anyone's view of the service. Audio-only recording is available through the sound system (such recording will only pick up what the sound system receives).

### **Can we throw something as the couple leaves the church?**

Birdseed or other biodegradable materials may be thrown in front of the church as the couple leaves the building following the wedding ceremony, or bubbles may be blown. The throwing of rice and the releasing of balloons is strictly prohibited. As with all things, it is better to run any ideas by the pastor than to have the pastor tell you "No" on the day of the wedding.

## **Music**

### **How do we decide what music to have at the service?**

Since the wedding is a worship service of the church, only music suitable for worship, praise, and thanksgiving will be permitted. A variety of music is encouraged, including hymns and other songs involving the entire assembly. The church musician can help you with suggestions and selections and has final say on every musical selection. A meeting of the couple with the church musician needs to be scheduled in sufficient time to select and approve all music.

Texts of vocal or choral selections should be in harmony with the themes and mood of the marriage service itself (e.g., the praise of God; God's steadfast love in Christ; God's love for his church as the foundation and model for love and fidelity in marriage; or the asking of God's presence and blessing).

Instrumental music should reflect the joy and celebration of the day. Wherever employed in the service, and by whatever instruments or voices, the music chosen should be of high quality and be within the ability of the performers at hand to play or sing with assurance.

Certain wedding marches, such as the one from Wagner's "Lohengrin", will not be used since it is for an illegal and illicit marriage – a marriage doomed to fail. Felix Mendelssohn's music to Shakespeare's "A Mid-Summer's Night Dream" accompanies a farcical wedding, and is also inappropriate for a worship ceremony.

Recorded music is highly discouraged unless to accompany vocalists, and must be approved by the church musician.

All recorded or printed music may only be used in accordance with copyright laws.

If there is music the couple desires at the wedding that is deemed inappropriate, that does not mean the couple cannot have the music played at another time on the day of their wedding. It only means that the music is not appropriate for a worship service.

### **Do we need to pick our own musician?**

Unless other arrangements are made with the approval of the pastor and the church musician, the church musician will play at all weddings taking place within the church. If another person/group is desired as the lead musician(s), their musical background will need to be reviewed by the church musician, who will have final decision to approve or deny the request.

### **Can we have soloist or ensemble?**

The couple may provide their own soloist or ensemble for special music, with the understanding that the music to be performed must be approved by the church musician. If accompaniments by the church musician are necessary, the musician(s) must contact the church musician in advance to arrange a mutually agreeable time for rehearsal.

## **Preparing for the Wedding**

### **What do we need the day of the wedding?**

It is the responsibility of the couple to provide the pastor with the appropriate marriage license(s). The pastor will NOT perform the marriage with the marriage license(s) in hand. These should be provided to the pastor by the conclusion of the rehearsal.

Anyone involved in the service (everyone who was at the rehearsal) should be at the church at least 30 minutes before the wedding is scheduled to begin. In addition, the couple and anyone assisting in leading the service, including the entire wedding party, is not allowed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the service. This particularly applies to the couple, as they are entering into a legal contract and being under the influence of substances puts into question their ability to do so.

### **When will the church be available on the day of the wedding?**

The church will be available for your wedding beginning two (2) hours prior to the beginning of the service and for one (1) hour after the service has concluded. The couple may request additional time before or after the wedding, subject to the approval of the congregation office. If a florist is to bring flowers to the church, please let the congregation office know in advance so that they can be let into the building safely.

No tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or drugs are allowed on the property.

**Do we need to invite the pastor to the rehearsal dinner or reception?**

It is not necessary to invite the pastor and/or the pastor's family to any reception or rehearsal dinner that may be held. If it is your intention to invite the pastor to one or more of these gatherings, it is appropriate to present the pastor (and others from the church, e.g. the church musician) with an invitation, such as would be appropriate for any wedding guest.

**Do we need to invite the congregation to wedding?**

For all weddings taking place at Trinity, a general invite to the congregation will be issued in the announcements the Sunday prior to the wedding. As a wedding is a worship service of the church, it is open to all members to attend. In practice, few will attend the wedding without a formal invitation from the couple.

**Can the church print our wedding program?**

If desired, wedding programs can be printed by the church office. It is the responsibility of the couple to see that the pastor or church office has all the information for the program at least two weeks in advance, including the names (as they will appear in the program) of all wedding party participants. Sample wedding programs are available upon request.

Couples choosing to provide their own wedding program must have the contents reviewed by the pastor prior to printing. The pastor will have the final approval over the contents of the program.

There is a fee for having the church office produce the wedding program. See "Fees" below.

**Can we leave the flowers for Sunday worship?**

If it's desired that the flowers be placed in the chancel for worship the following Sunday, arrangements must be made ahead of time with the church office.

**Can we use the aisle candles? What about the candelabras?**

Couples wishing to use candles may do so with the prior approval of the pastor. The church sexton will set them up before the wedding.

**Can we decorate the pews? May we use the pew bows?**

The church owns pew bows that are available for use. If you want to decorate the pews yourself, no adhesive substances may be used without the consent of the sexton.

**Fees**

All fees must be paid by the conclusion of the rehearsal. If there are any unpaid fees at the conclusion of the rehearsal, the wedding may be subject to postponement or cancelation.

**The following fees are paid directly to the person rendering the services:**

Pastor	Honorarium of choice (\$200-\$300 suggested)
Organist (no soloist/ensemble)	\$125
Organist (accompanying soloist/ensemble)	\$150
Sexton (no communion)	\$75
Sexton (with communion)	\$90

**The following fees are paid to the church:**

Use of the sanctuary and bridal party rooms (member)	\$0
Use of the sanctuary and bridal party rooms (non-member)	\$110

Pre-marriage counseling	\$30
Wedding program	\$75

If renting the fellowship hall or kitchen for the rehearsal dinner or reception, please see applicable fees in the Facility Use Policy. Otherwise, those areas are not to be used by the wedding party, with the exception of the refrigerator.

## Appendix A: Readings

The following are recommended scripture readings for a wedding. This list is not exhaustive; other scripture readings may be chosen.

### Old Testament / Hebrew Bible

Genesis 1:26-28	<i>Woman and man created in God's image</i>
Genesis 2:18-24	<i>Companionship rather than loneliness</i>
Proverbs 3:3-6	<i>Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart</i>
Song of Solomon 2:10-13	<i>The voice of the beloved</i>
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	<i>Many waters cannot quench love</i>
Isaiah 63:7-9	<i>God's steadfast love lifts up the people</i>
Jeremiah 31:31-34	<i>The new covenant of the people of God</i>

### Psalms

Psalm 67	<i>May God be merciful to us and bless us</i>
Psalm 100	<i>We are God's people</i>
Psalm 117	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord</i>
Psalm 121	<i>The Lord keeps watch over you</i>
Psalm 127	<i>Unless the Lord builds the house</i>
Psalm 128	<i>Happy are they who follow in God's ways</i>
Psalm 150	<i>Let everything that breathes praise the Lord</i>

### New Testament / Greek Bible

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>If God is for us, who is against us</i>
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	<i>A living sacrifice and genuine love</i>
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	<i>The greatest gift is love</i>
Ephesians 3:14-19	<i>The greatness of Christ's love</i>
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33	<i>Walk in love, as Christ loved us</i>
Philippians 4:4-9	<i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>
Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Clothed in gifts of God</i>
1 John 3:18-24	<i>Let us love in truth and action</i>
1 John 4:7-16	<i>Let us love one another for love is of God</i>

### Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10	<i>The beatitudes</i>
Matthew 5:14-16	<i>You are the light; let your light shine</i>
Matthew 7:21, 24-29	<i>A wise person builds upon the rock</i>
Matthew 19:3-6	<i>What God has united must not be divided</i>
Matthew 22:35-40	<i>Love, the greatest commandment</i>
Mark 10:6-9	<i>They are no longer two but one</i>
John 2:1-11	<i>The wedding at Cana</i>
John 15:9-17	<i>Love one another as I have loved you</i>

## Appendix B: Vows

The following are the standard vows as found in our hymnal. Unless the couple arranges for different vows, one of the following will be spoken at the wedding.

### Option A

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *wife/husband/partner* from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

### Option B

In the presence of God and this community, I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *wife/husband/partner*; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

## Appendix C: Giving of Rings

The following are the standard words spoken at the giving of rings as found in our hymnal. Unless the couple arranges for something different, one of the following will be spoken at the wedding.

### Option A

\_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

### Option B

\_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Appendix D: Music Suggestions

Music tends to be a significant part of any wedding and most worship. The following represents a small portion of the options available, but comes at the recommendation of our musician.

### Processional and Recessional

Usually couples select special music as the bridal party processes in and recesses out. Often a different, extra joyous piece is selected for when the bride or couple enters. Sometimes a special piece is selected for the seating of the parents and grandparents. The following are pieces recommended by our musician for those purposes. This list is not exhaustive, but a great starting place. Our musician can help you with these selections.

#### Seating of Parents and Grandparents:

“The Wedding Song (There Is Love)”

“Borning Cry”

#### Bridal Party Procession:

“The Peace” – G.F. Handel

“Canon in D” – Pachelbel

“Be Thou My Vision” – Arr. Hopson (Also works as pre-service music or low-key processional)

#### Bride’s / Couple’s Entrance:

“Processional on ‘Ode to Joy”

“Trumpet Tune” – Purcell

“Trumpet Voluntary” – Clarke

“Fanfare from Water Music” – G.F. Handel

“Trumpet Tune” – Lau  
“Jubilate Deo” – G.F. Handel

Recessional:

“The Gift to Be Simple” – Arr. Dale Wood  
“Allegro Maestoso (Hornpipe from Water Music)” – G.F. Handel  
“Rigaudon” – Campra

**Hymns**

As a wedding is a worship service, it may be worthwhile to involve the whole assembly in giving voice to their worship. A hymn is a good way to do this. The following are recommended hymns for a wedding. This list is not exhaustive; other hymns may be chosen.

From Our Hymnal:

664	Although I speak with angel's tongue
648	Beloved, God's chosen
816	Come, my way, my truth, my life
585	Hear us now, our God and Father
312	Jesus, come! For we invite you
836	Joyful, joyful we adore thee
839, 840	Now thank we all our God
308	O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
488, 489	Soul, adorn yourself with gladness
586	This is the day, Lord, gladly awaited

Other Traditional Hymns:

“As Man and Woman We Were Made” (With One Voice)  
“O Perfect Love” (Lutheran Book of Worship)  
“When Love Is Found” (With One Voice)  
“The Bond of Love” (Celebration Hymnal)  
“The Lord's Prayer” (Celebration Hymnal)

Contemporary Songs (as hymns or solo numbers):

“Love Come to Life” – Big Daddy Weave  
“Love Never Fails You” – Brandon Heath  
“Love Is Not a Fight (But It's Something Worth Fighting For)” – Warren Barfield  
“Waltz for Jennifer” – FFH  
“Testify to Love” – Avalon  
“When God Made You” – Newsong  
“May I have This Dance” – Scott Krippayne  
“God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You” - \*NSYNC  
“Love Take Me Over” – Steven Curtis Chapman  
Any selection of songs from “All About Love” album by Steven Curtis Chapman  
“Love of My Life” – Jim Brickman

## Marriage Information Form

### Bride / Partner 1 Contact Information

Full Name:

Address:

Date & Place of Birth:

Date & Place of Baptism:

Date & Place of Confirmation:

Name of Parents:

Employer, Phone, and Address:

Preferred Phone:

Preferred Email:

### Groom / Partner 2 Contact Information

Full Name:

Address:

Date & Place of Birth:

Date & Place of Baptism:

Date & Place of Confirmation:

Name of Parents:

Employer, Phone, and Address:

Preferred Phone:

Preferred Email:

### Wedding Options

Use Aisle Torches: Y / N

Use Candelabras: Y / N

Use Pew Bowes: Y / N

Unity Candle: Y / N

Unity Sand: Y / N

Unity Cross: Y / N Other:

Holy Communion: Y / N

Readings (pick 1-4):

Guest Minister / Preacher: Y / N

Soloist or Other Special Music Requiring Accompaniment: Y / N

*Please include contact information for any minister or musicians not employed by Trinity.*

**Information for the Wedding Program (*fill out if the church is making the program*)**

List processional and recessional songs, special music, and hymns.

List the names of those in the service as you would like them to appear in the program and their connection to the couple, changing any wording (e.g. “maid of honor” vs. “matron of honor”) as needed. The following is a list of most of the possible roles in the wedding:

- Bride, Groom, Maid of Honor, Bridesmaids, Best Man, Groomsmen, Flower Girl, Ring Bearer
- Children, Parents of the Bride / Groom, Grandparents of the Bride / Groom, etc.
- Ministers, Musicians, Ushers, Acolytes, Cross Bearer, Book Bearer, Readers
- Communion Assistants, those who made/donated the Bread/Wine
- Optional: Guestbook Attendant, Gift Attendant, Photographer, Videographer

If desired, list any deceased relatives you would like to name in the program, including relation.

**Special Requests / Instructions (*anything else pertinent for the church to know*)**