

## SCRIPTURE POSSIBILITIES

### OLD TESTAMENT SUGGESTIONS

Genesis 1:26-28, 31 a

Genesis 2:4-11, 15-24

Genesis 2:18-24

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Jeremiah 31:31-32 a, 33-34

Ruth 1:16-18

Psalms 5, 23, 34, 37, 67, 100, 112, 127, 128



### NEW TESTAMENT SUGGESTIONS

Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Matthew 19:3-6

Matthew 22:35-40

John 2:1-11

John 15:9-12

John 15:12-16

John 17:20-26

Colossians 3:12-17

1 John 4:7-12

1 Corinthians 13: 1-11

Ephesians 3:14-19

Romans 8:31b, 35, 37-39

Romans 12:1-2, 9, 18

### Seating Arrangements

The church sanctuary seats 250 and the Fellowship Hall seats 150.

### Miscellaneous

If you wish to invite the pastor and/or the organist to the rehearsal dinner and/or the reception, please do so well in advance of the celebrations so they may reserve that time on their personal calendars.

### Bulletins

Hope is not responsible for supplying or printing your wedding bulletins.

### Altar Colors

The color of the altar paraments may only be determined by the season of the church.

### Smoking and Alcohol

Smoking and/or alcoholic consumption are NOT permitted in the building or on the property at any time.

## CHURCH MINISTRY FEES Rev. 2/2018

Make one check payable to "Hope Lutheran Church"

\$350 Sanctuary –Wedding  
(Sanctuary FREE for MEMBERS)

\$150 Pastor

\$100 Wedding Coordinator  
(for Members)

\$150 Wedding Coordinator  
(for Non Members)

\$100 Custodian

\$ \_\_\_ Organist\*  
(\*Made out to musician. Usually \$150)

\$50 Media (sound system ex: ipods slides)

\$ \_\_\_ **TOTAL**

**NOTE: Please have checks submitted  
BEFORE wedding preferably at  
rehearsal.**

### The Hope Wedding Coordinating Team:

Mary Beth Taylor, Mary Bryant, Bonnie Long, Carol Pott, and Molly Abbott. This ministry has been active since 1992 and was started by Bonnie Long to the glory of God.



## WEDDINGS...

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:



*"But from the beginning of Creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

Mark 10:6-9 NRSV

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

We rejoice in the love that has brought you together. We are happy that you are here and that you desire to have Christ Jesus present in your lives and your marriage.

Our pastor has been authorized by the Hope Lutheran Church to bind a man and a woman together in Christian marriage and to witness and effect a covenant between them and God. Speak with our pastor well in advance of your final decision of date and time, to make sure the church calendar is clear. Then begin planning for a beautiful future with each other and with our Lord Jesus.

The following are practices of the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church:

1. It is expected that our pastor will officiate at all weddings held at Hope Church. Exceptions are by permission.
2. Couples need to complete pre-marital counseling sessions. These sessions ideally are with trained marital counselor that prepare a couple for marriage and Pastor will help you plan your wedding ceremony.

Professional Pastoral Counseling Institute  
pastoral-counseling.org

## Weddings at Hope are a Blessing

### The Sanctuary/Narthex

The church Sanctuary/Narthex is a space dedicated to God. It is not a hall or a public auditorium. All activities taking place in the Sanctuary/Narthex must be in keeping with worship. 250 maximum seating.

### Prayers

We announce your marriage so we can lift you up with prayers for faith, joy, unity and health. It is simply put in the church bulletin.

### Rehearsals

Promptness is a matter of courtesy. Please encourage all members of the wedding party to be on time. You will also need to bring the marriage license. Fees should have been mailed to the church 2 weeks prior. Bring any other decorations, music, as well.

### Flowers and Decorations

A fresh or silk flower arrangements may be placed on altar, the organ and/or piano. For other alternatives, consult the Wedding Coordinator. If you wish to leave the flowers for the church to use at the Sunday service, please notify the coordinator in advance. Pews may be decorated, but no tape, wire, glue, tacks, etc., may be used to attach items. The wedding coordinator must be present if you plan to decorate the pews. The sanctuary aisle is 40 feet long. We strongly discourage the use of white runners for safety issues (the aisle is short and heels have gone through the runner causing risk of falling). Unity candle require holders. Pew candles available upon request.

### Music

Church wedding music is an expression of the Christian faith and shall be selected accordingly. Our music director, organist and pastor have approval over all musical selections to be used during the service. All fees with professional musicians are to be

negotiated directly with them. We can work with CDs/ipods.

### Photographs

NO flash photography is permitted during the worship service. The photographer should consult with the pastor about procedures prior to the day of the service. All professional photographs should be finished 30 minutes before the service. Photography can resume during and after ceremony. All photos taken after the service must be concluded within one hour of the service.

### Video Tapes

Videotaping of the wedding service requires consultation with the pastor and must be concluded within one hour of the service.

### Legal Matters

Please note that you are responsible for obtaining a marriage license from Hamilton County. If the ceremony is not held at the church, but in another jurisdiction, the couple is responsible for getting the appropriate license. It must be brought to the pastor no later than the time of the rehearsal.

### Wedding Coordinator

Hope Lutheran's worship committee established the role of wedding coordinator. This person is responsible for opening and closing the building, assisting with preparing the sanctuary for the ceremony and removal of the decorations following the ceremony. The wedding coordinator will meet with the couple at least three weeks in advance of the wedding to establish what is required for the wedding - candles, time for pictures, florist deliveries, etc. The wedding coordinator will also review the costs with you and provide you with a written expense record. You may pay these expenses by check or with cash. Be sure to contact the church office to arrange an appointment with the wedding coordinator.

### Confetti, Rice and Birdseed

Confetti, rice and birdseed are prohibited on the premises. Balloons may be used in the Fellowship Hall for a reception.

## Typical Order For Wedding Worship

### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

During the prelude music, the wedding guests and family are seated and altar candles are lit. Outer candles around Unity Candle can be lit.

### **SEATING OF PARENTS**

Special entrance by parents / grandparents is before wedding party enters

### **PROCESSIONAL**

This is usually an instrumental piece often using a trumpet stop on the organ for a regal processional, but it can also be a quiet piece.

*-Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke  
*-Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach  
*-Canon in D* Pachelbel

### **WELCOME / INVOCATION**

The invocation acknowledges the presence of God and welcomes all guests.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Prayers for God's presence and love for all.

### **SONGS**

Hymns, solos, or instrumental music praising God, may be inserted throughout the service.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Scriptures, selected by the couple are read. Consider inviting friends and family to read.

### **HOMILY or SERMON or MESSAGE**

The Pastor preaches a short message.

### **EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS**

### **UNITY CANDLE LIGHTING/SAND/ WINE BOX?**

If used, center candle is lit by bride and groom

### **PRAYERS**

God is called upon to supply the newly married couple with spiritual gifts needed for marriage.

### **COMMUNION**

Celebrate communion, if desired, as a couple or assembly. It is a gift of love and life open to all.

**PRESENTATION** blessing then couple presented  
**RECESSIONAL** wedding party exits sanctuary.