

Weddings - Policies

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Policies for Wedding Music and Musicians

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Responsibility for all music at St. Paul's United Methodist Church is delegated to the Organist/Choirmaster, who will assist you in planning the music for your wedding. To make a music appointment, contact the Organist/Choirmaster at 713-528-0529, ext. 30.

The following music policies are in effect for all weddings:

- Because a wedding is a service of worship, the liturgical guidelines for music are subject to the same standards as music for any other worship service at St. Paul's.
- Texts of hymns, anthems, or solos are to be taken from Holy Scripture, the *United Methodist Hymnal*, or the *Book of Common Prayer*, or shall be texts congruent with them. Only music appropriate for a church service is to be used. Music with commercial associations, whether textual or musical — including, but not limited to, music from Broadway-style shows — is not appropriate.
- The Organist/Choirmaster will have final say as to the appropriateness of all music to be included in a wedding at St. Paul's.
- St. Paul's staff organists play at all weddings at which organ music is desired. When vocal solos are desired, they are sung by St. Paul's staff singers only. The St. Paul's Choir may also be engaged to sing at a wedding, provided that ample notice is given — a minimum of six months is recommended. Nonetheless, the St. Paul's Choir may not be available for the requested date due to scheduling conflicts. In addition to the organ, other instruments — such as strings, trumpet, harp — can be included with the prior approval of the Organist/Choirmaster. Musicians do not attend wedding rehearsals.
- Payment for St. Paul's staff musicians is made through the church; payment for other instrumentalists is made according to arrangements made with them.