



# WEDDINGS

PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# YOUR WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! I am sure these are exciting times as you make preparations for this important day in your life. Weddings are sacred occasions, and we are delighted you have chosen Peachtree Road United Methodist Church as the place where you will exchange your vows and enter into this holy covenant.

We look forward to working with you to make this special day a true spiritual celebration. The traditional opening words to the ceremony are “Dearly beloved, we have gathered together here in the presence of God and these witnesses to join together this couple in holy matrimony...” All that we do in the ceremony is designed to help you sense the presence of God in this holy place.

The word I often use to describe weddings at Peachtree Road is “elegant.” The sanctuary and chapel are elegant; the music is elegant; and the vows are elegant. The vows are words that have been used for centuries and stand the test of time. We look forward to being a part of this new beginning in your life.

The Peachtree Road wedding director will help you learn more about weddings here, and will guide you through the planning process. This brochure is designed to provide much of the information you need, but please do not hesitate to contact Beth Ahrenhold (betha@prumc.org) if you have further questions.

We look forward to being of help to you in the days to come.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial "B".

Bill Britt  
Senior Minister

## PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

We are pleased you have chosen Peachtree Road United Methodist Church for your wedding and we look forward to assisting you in this important event in your lives. A wedding coordinator will guide you through wedding protocol and procedures to assure a beautiful and memorable ceremony. We look forward to helping you with your wedding.

### **1 year to 6 months before**

Contact our wedding director, Beth Ahrenhold at [betha@prumc.org](mailto:betha@prumc.org) to schedule your wedding.\* Beth will discuss details and offer a tour of our facilities.

### **6-4 months before**

Schedule the first of two counseling sessions with your Peachtree Road minister.

### **2 months before**

Final payment is due. Schedule a meeting with the Peachtree Road organist and church wedding director Beth Ahrenhold at [betha@prumc.org](mailto:betha@prumc.org).

*\*Before making a request to book a wedding at Peachtree Road UMC, a person must have been an active, participating member of the church for at least one full year.*



# WEDDING

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church has two primary spaces set aside for weddings. The Main Sanctuary holds 1750, and the Moore Chapel holds 225.

**The use of the following is required by the church:**

- A Peachtree Road minister
- A Peachtree Road wedding director
- A Peachtree Road organist

**Outside consultants may assist in the Parlor only.**

The Parlor is available two (2) hours prior to the ceremony and thirty (30) minutes after. The Sanctuary or Chapel is available one (1) hour prior to the ceremony and thirty (30) minutes after. Wedding parties may arrive at the church up to two (2) hours before the wedding.

Flower girls, ring bearers and attendants should be at least 5 years old. No pets may be attendants, please.

No weddings may be scheduled on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Holy Week, Memorial Day, July 4 weekend, Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

No wedding with a church reception may be scheduled after 6:00 pm. If there is more than one wedding on a Saturday, they will be scheduled three hours apart.

Wedding programs should be approved by the wedding director and music director before being printed.

Kneelers and a Unity candle can be provided by the church for use in your wedding ceremony. Please let the wedding director know if you would like them included in your service.

## REHEARSAL

All rehearsals are held on the evening prior to your wedding. The time of the rehearsal will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis prior to the mailing of the wedding agreement.

Available rehearsal times are 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

The wedding director will conduct the rehearsal, with your minister in attendance.

The Order of Worship, traditions of seating, placement of the attendants, instructions to the ushers and/or attendants will be covered at the rehearsal. The members of the wedding party should remember that they are in a holy place dedicated to the worship of God and conduct themselves accordingly.

Peachtree Road allows 45 minutes for each rehearsal. Since there may be other rehearsals scheduled on the same evening, please know how important it is that the wedding party arrives on time to receive complete information and instruction. We suggest that everyone involved in the rehearsal arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time.



## MUSIC

Prior to your wedding, you will meet with the church organist to select music for your ceremony. While considering vocal and instrumental selections for your wedding, please keep in mind all must be sacred and in keeping with the worship traditions of Peachtree Road.

Should you wish to have a vocalist or instrumentalist (in addition to the organist) at your wedding, the music office can recommend musicians superior in their craft. Vocalists include soprano, tenor and bass. Instrumentalists include harp, trumpet, strings and bagpipes. Other guest vocalists and instrumentalists may be invited to participate in the wedding but must be approved by the director of music of Peachtree Road. Texts of vocal solos are to be limited to Scripture and sacred poetry. Soloists and instrumentalists may rehearse one hour before the ceremony and must provide their music in the proper key at that rehearsal. Vocalists must wear the choir vestments of the church. Peachtree Road does not allow taped accompaniments during a wedding ceremony.

The music office maintains a repertoire of pieces that have proven successful in ceremonies held at Peachtree Road. The following are recommended for procession and retiring procession:

Title	Composer
<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra
<i>Crown Imperial</i>	William Walton
<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Henry Purcell
<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Jeremiah Clarke
<i>Prelude to Te Deum</i>	Marc-Antoine Charpentier
<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	John Stanley
<i>Hornpipe (from Water Music)</i>	Georg Friderich Handel
<i>Toccata (from Symphonie V)</i>	Charles-Marie Widor

Selections and details will be finalized at your music consultation and any additional questions will be answered. Please contact the music office at 404.240.8212 to schedule your time.

## MINISTER

The couple should contact the Peachtree Road minister of their choice with regard to performing the service and to arrange for premarital counseling. Peachtree Road United Methodist Church requires all weddings to be presided over and performed by a minister on our staff. Since the format and style of a wedding should be consistent with the church's tradition of worship and weddings, our staff ministers will be most valuable in planning the Order of Worship for your service. If you would like a guest minister to participate, please speak with your minister about including him or her in the service. Usually he or she can take part in the exchange of rings, reading of scripture, or a prayer of blessing.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR WEDDINGS

## THE PRELUDE

(There may be a musical selection here.)

## THE SEATING OF THE GRANDMOTHERS AND MOTHERS

{Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_}

## THE PROCESSION OF THE ATTENDANTS

{Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_}

## THE PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE

{Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_}

(Here there may be a congregational hymn or a musical selection.)

## THE GREETING

## THE DECLARATION OF INTENTION

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

## HOMILY

## THE EXCHANGE OF MARRIAGE VOWS

## THE BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

## THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

(Here there may be a lighting of the Unity Candle, and/or the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

## THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(May be sung by a soloist or prayed by the congregation.)

## THE BENEDICTION

## PRESENTATION

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION

{Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_}

## FLOWERS

For Sanctuary weddings, flowers are provided on the High Altar and in the Narthex by the Peachtree Road Flower Guild. They remain at the church for Sunday services. At special seasons of the year such as Lent, Christmas, Freedom Sunday, Pentecost and Harvest Sunday, certain observations of the church may take precedence over your plans for flowers. Please ask the wedding director if your date is within one of these special times. For Chapel weddings, flowers should be provided by your florist, no taller than 36" and delivered in necessary containers. Chapel flowers may remain for Sunday or be taken to your reception. No additional flowers or candles may be used in either space.

## BUILDING

No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the church premises. At the discretion of the minister and/or wedding director, a rehearsal or wedding ceremony may not proceed if any member of the wedding party has been consuming alcoholic beverages.

Smoking is not permitted on the church premises.

No rice, bird seed, confetti, artificial or natural rose petals or potpourri may be used on the church premises.

The church is an open building and while every effort is made to maintain security, Peachtree Road cannot be held responsible for valuables left in the building. Purses and valuables should not be left unattended.

Please check before bringing food or beverages into the Parlor.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Because a wedding is a worship service, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church does not allow flash photography during the ceremony. This policy is enforced and includes professional photographers, family, friends and guests. Please be sure that they are informed so they may respect the sacredness of our worship space and service. We provide approved areas for professional photographers and we do not permit movement or positioning of the photographer during the service.

During the retiring procession, the photographer may take pictures of the wedding party from the back of the church at the double doors. Flash is permissible during the retiring processional only.

All professional photography may begin no more than one and one half hours before the ceremony. Any pictures taken prior to the ceremony must be completed 30 minutes before the ceremony begins. Any pictures taken after the ceremony must be completed within 30 minutes of the ceremony ending. The officiating minister will be delighted to participate in pictures taken immediately after the ceremony.

Videographers may assume a fixed position in the back balcony and upper transept of the Sanctuary. In the Moore Chapel, videographers may assume a fixed position in the sound booth located in the back left seating area. Videographers may not move during the ceremony and must remain as unobtrusive as possible. No cameras, microphones, recording devices or special lighting are allowed in the chancel area of the Sanctuary or Moore Chapel.

Photographers, videographers and their assistants must wear appropriate attire for a wedding ceremony. They must not inhibit the job of our wedding director, minister, organist or wedding assistant, particularly in regards to the timing and sacredness of the ceremony. Photographers, videographers and their assistants violating the regulations of the church will be excused from the ceremony and forbidden from taking pictures or video at future weddings at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.

## WEDDING FEES

Wedding fees at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church include the following:

- Peachtree Road minister - officiating and counseling
- Peachtree Road wedding director and assistants
- Peachtree Road organist, acolytes and crucifer
- Use of Sanctuary or Chapel
- Use of Parlor
- Altar flowers for Sanctuary weddings only

Weddings at Peachtree Road UMC are reserved for active members who have been participating in the ministry of the church for at least one year.

To secure your wedding date, please submit a reservation fee of \$500. Your remaining balance is due two months before your wedding date.

### **Sanctuary Wedding**

Reservation Fee	\$500
Sanctuary Wedding	<u>\$3275</u>
	\$3775

### **Moore Chapel Wedding**

Reservation Fee	\$500
Moore Chapel Wedding	<u>\$2275</u>
	\$2775

## YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE

It is the responsibility of the couple to obtain a marriage license prior to the wedding. The marriage license should be given to the officiating minister or wedding director no later than the rehearsal date. No wedding can be performed without the license. Information regarding the license can be obtained by calling Fulton County at 404.613.4583.





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