

# ST. DAVID'S WEDDING POLICY

## CONGRATULATIONS!



We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to celebrate your marriage at St. David's Episcopal Church.

The celebration of marriage is a sacramental act of the whole community of faith. We are happy to discuss the prospect of you being married here at St. David's Church.

We ask that you take the time to carefully review the following guidelines for marriage at St. David's. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that your wedding is a memorable and joyous occasion for everyone. It is important that you carefully explain these guidelines to everyone who will be assisting or participating in the service on the day of your wedding and you sign a contract with St. David's Church.

### Scheduling & Counseling

Once you have decided to enter into marriage, your first step is to arrange an appointment with the rector at the earliest possible date. These appointments may be scheduled Tuesday through Friday, 9-4.

**Note: Weddings during Lent or Holy Week are not permitted.**

**We hope you will join us for worship!**

Sunday Services:  
9 am Contemporary Eucharist Service with contemporary band

11 am Traditional Eucharist Service with organ & choir

Wednesday Service:  
12 pm Centering Prayer (No Eucharist)



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"And now these three remain:  
FAITH, HOPE  
and LOVE.  
But the greatest  
of these is  
LOVE."  
1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

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### Remarriage in the Episcopal Church

If either of the parties is re-marrying following divorce, the church has several requirements which must be met before marriage in the church can be permitted. These will be fully explained to you.

In the event this is a third marriage or more, the bishop requires that you have professional counseling. The professional counselor will certify to the clergy that you and your spouse are ready to proceed with marriage.

### Assisting Clergy

We welcome the participation of other clergy at the celebration of your marriage should



you desire it. The rector must be consulted and must approve the participation of any visiting clergy. Clergy must have a license to marry in Virginia. Information may be obtained from the Register of Deeds at the Circuit Court of Loudoun County.

### Wedding Coordinators

Wedding coordinators are welcome. However, the wedding coordinator will work closely with a St. David's representative.

### Flowers & Candles

Flowers may be placed at on either side of the altar. The flowers are to be placed on pedestals provided. They must be real (not silk, artificial or dried) and not exceed 36"x40"x18". Flowers used at the wedding will remain in the church for the next Sunday's service. Selection, delivery and placement of flowers must be coordinated with St. David's. The only candles permitted are those at the altar and pulpit (no unity candles are allowed). During Advent, the can-

dles on the Advent wreath will also be lit.

### Music & Sound

All wedding music is under the direction of the music director at St. David's Church. Additional musicians or soloists are certainly welcome. However, their participation and the selection of all music must be coordinated and approved by the music director and rector. In scheduling a wedding date, it is important that the musician be contacted as soon as the date is set.

### Photography

Approval of photographs is the responsibility of the celebrating clergy. No photographs may be taken in the church during the wedding ceremony without the express permission of the clergy. Stationary video photography may be taken during the ceremony. Tripods, if used, must be mounted on the floor and not on pews or the on the Baptistry.

### Rehearsals

The rehearsal is normally held on the day before the wedding and will be scheduled between 4-6 pm. The rehearsal will be brief, usually about one hour. It is important that all participants are *on time*.

### Alcohol Consumption

The presence or consumption of alcohol (except as part of a Eucharist) anywhere on the St. David's Campus is strictly prohibited.

Rice, Confetti, Birdseed, Flower Petals (real or artificial) are not permitted on church property.

Aisle runners are not used in the church.

### Fees:

- ◆ Musician: Fee cost varies. **This fee is paid directly to the musician.**
- ◆ Wedding Fee: \$1000. This fee is required upon confirmation of the date.
- ◆ Sound technician: \$50 per hour **This fee is paid directly to the technician.**
- ◆ Clergy: There is no fee for the clergy. However, a contribution of \$200 to the Rector's discretionary fund at St. David's Church for use in pastoral ministry is traditional and appropriate.

### Facts:

- ◆ St. David's Church holds approximately 500 people.
- ◆ The clergy do not expect to be invited to social functions in connection with the wedding. However, if you would like them to attend please issue a written invitation and they will attend if possible.
- ◆ Family and friends of the wedding party are encouraged to read the lessons and lead the prayers at the wedding.
- ◆ St. David's does not provide a bulletin. However, the order of service bulletin will need to be approved by the officiating clergy prior to printing. Help in drafting the bulletin is available.
- ◆ Questions? Call St. David's office at 703-729-0570 or email [office@sdlife.org](mailto:office@sdlife.org).