

St. Peter's Wedding Bulletin Guidelines

It is the wedding couple's responsibility to prepare, print and distribute the Wedding Bulletin, if one is desired. **Please send a copy of your bulletin to the Rector for his approval at least two weeks before the wedding date.**

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage service can be found in the *Book of Common Prayer* on pages 423-432. The headings are what must be included in the bulletin. A sample follows. You have the option of adding additional elements, such as:

- Prelude
- The Seating of the Grandmothers & Mothers
- Hymns and/or other music or solos
- The Holy Eucharist Rite I or Rite II
(if Rite II, prayers A, B, or D)
- Presentation of the Bride & Groom

You and the Rector should be able to decide what elements you want to include in your ceremony during your premarital counseling sessions. In order to keep the focus on the ceremony and the couple, short, simple bulletins are recommended. See page 426 in the *Book of Common Prayer* for selection of readings.

We have a collection of previous wedding bulletins, in the church office, that you are welcome to look at to get ideas. Please call the administrative assistant to arrange a convenient time.

Processional

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage

The Declaration of Consent

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

The Homily

The Marriage

Optional additional headings:

The Vows

The Blessing and Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Prayers

The Blessing of the Marriage

The Peace

The Holy Communion (Optional)

Recessional

*No flash photography is allowed during the service.
Please silence all cell phones, pagers, etc.*