

# **Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Basye, Virginia**

### **Policy for Use for Wedding Services Church Members and Immediate Family**

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church is delighted to host services of holy matrimony for members of our church and their immediate families. The following guidelines are offered to help families know what to expect when considering holding a wedding at Prince of Peace.

1. Individuals wishing to hold a wedding at the church should contact the Pastor of Prince of Peace directly through the church office as soon as possible to discuss date, time, and details for the proposed service.
2. The wedding program must be developed in consultation with and fully approved by the Pastor and will generally follow the order of worship for services of holy matrimony set forth by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Couples are required to meet with the Pastor to ensure alignment on the order of worship.
3. Participation by a visiting pastor, musician, or any other worship leader must be pre-approved in the initial consultation with the Prince of Peace pastor.
4. The Pastor will be compensated at a rate of \$300 for planning and implementing a wedding service, and payment in full is required prior to the day of the service.
5. Similarly, musical accompaniment secured by the church will be compensated at a rate of \$150 with payment required in advance. Couples may engage other music providers but the musicians must participate in a pre-service meeting with the pastor to ensure alignment on the service program.
6. There is no cost to church members and their immediate family members associated with holding a wedding service at Prince of Peace for use of the facilities. However, if church facilities are to be used for a reception, a \$100 cleaning fee is required to be paid in advance as well as a \$250 refundable deposit if beer/wine is to be served.
7. The pastor will designate a member of the Council to coordinate payment for this and the other required fees noted above.