



Village on Mission Wedding Music Policy

A Christian wedding is a worship service and a sacred event. The following is a helpful guide to aide you in the selection of music for the wedding which reflects the joy and dignity of the moment. The Village Music Ministry will be happy to assist you in selecting music which will be both appropriate and enjoyable for your wedding. Music must be approved in advance. If you wish to include musicians other than the team at Village, please consult with Village's principal organist, Dr. Elisa Bickers, before contracting with other musicians.

FAQs

How do I go about selecting music?

Contact the Principal Organist at Village Church

Dr. Elisa Bickers, 913.671.2339, elisa.bickers@villagepres.org

- Our principal organist will be the music coordinator for your wedding and will assist you in planning your wedding music. It is never too early to contact Dr. Bickers and she is happy to meet at the church to play pieces for you!
- Music selections must be finalized at least two months prior to your ceremony. If you do not desire to select music, the organist is happy to do this for you.
- A typical wedding at Village requires music for the following elements of the service: seating of mothers/grandmothers, procession of attendants, procession of bride, and recessional. There may also be solos and congregational hymns throughout the service if you like. If you choose to print an Order of Service, the titles of those pieces are often included. The organist will also play piano and/or organ music prior to the ceremony as your guests are seated (prelude), as well as music following the recessional until your guests have exited (postlude). Titles for prelude and postlude music are not typically included in the Order of Service. A list of recommended processional and recessional music may be found at the end of this music policy.

What is meant by "appropriate" music?

Generally, music either specifically written for church use, or music which by long-standing tradition is associated with the church, can be considered for your wedding ceremony. Secular music may be considered at the discretion of Dr. Bickers.

What if I want a selection that is not on the list?

We welcome your input (note the two-month deadline above). If the musician does not have the music, we ask you to purchase the music (not to photocopy it). After the wedding, the music can be returned to you if you wish.

May we play taped or pre-recorded music at our wedding?

At Village our music is live, and we do not include pre-recorded music. So, plan on live vocal and/or instrumental music.

Who will play the organ for my wedding? Can I have piano music instead of organ music?

Dr. Bickers is happy to play organ and/or piano for your wedding ceremony. There is no organ in the chapel, so all music for chapel weddings will be provided by piano or other instruments. If Dr. Bickers is not available for your wedding, she will secure an excellent substitute, in coordination with the couple.

What if I don't think I need organ or piano, is that an option?

The couple might opt to have no keyboard music at all, hire a chamber ensemble instead, or have a family member or friend provide music for their wedding. This is perfectly fine, though all musicians and music selections must still be coordinated with Dr. Bickers. The church will refund the organist portion of your fee (which is included in the amount you pay to the church) to the couple if a staff keyboardist will not be needed at your ceremony.

Will the organist be at the wedding rehearsal?

No. The Village Wedding Coordinator and the pastor for your service will handle the details of your wedding rehearsal.

Who should sing or play for the wedding?

The organist can provide you with names and contact information of professional singers and instrumentalists that are experienced with performing at weddings. Family members and friends of the couple are also more than welcome to participate. When choosing singers/musicians for your wedding, the following is needed to ensure things go smoothly.

- If the organist is needed to accompany a singer or ensemble, provide original copies of the music in the desired key to the organist
- Make sure your singers/musicians contact Dr. Bickers at least a month before the service to arrange a rehearsal time.

How much will it cost to hire a guest musician?

The organist fee is included in your general fees to Village. Fees for soloists or additional musicians will vary. So just ask when you explore those possibilities. Payment should be made by the couple to these guest musicians directly. That payment may be delivered to your wedding coordinator at your rehearsal or on the day of your wedding and your coordinator will deliver it to them if you so choose.

Serene and Peaceful Processional Suggestions

Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1	Felix Mendelssohn
Andante Tranquillo from Organ Sonata no. 3	Felix Mendelssohn
Air in D from Orchestral Suite No. 3	J. S. Bach
Air in F from Water Music Suite	G. F. Handel
Allegretto	G. F. Handel
Ave Maria	Bach/Gounod or Schubert
Canon in D	Johann Pachelbel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J. S. Bach
Pastorale	Charles Wesley
Prière à Notre Dame	Leon Boëllmann
Rhosymedre	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Sheep May Safely Graze	J. S. Bach

Upbeat or March-like Processional and Recessional Suggestions

Allegretto	G. F. Handel
"Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from <i>Solomon</i>	G. F. Handel
"Bridal March" from <i>Lohengrin</i>	Richard Wagner
"Coro" from <i>Water Music Suite</i>	G. F. Handel
Crown Imperial	William Walton
Fanfare	William Mathias
"Final" from <i>Symphony No. 1</i>	Louis Vierne
"Grand march" from <i>Aida</i>	Giuseppe Verdi
"Hornpipe" from <i>Water Music Suite</i>	G. F. Handel
La Marche	G. F. Handel
March	Louis Lefébure-Wély
March	H. Purcell
"March" from <i>Scipio</i>	G. F. Handel
"Now Thank We All Our God" from Cantata No. 79	J. S. Bach
"Overture" from <i>Fireworks Music</i>	G. F. Handel
Prelude in Classic Style	Gordon Young
"Prelude" from <i>Te Deum</i>	M-A Charpentier
Psalm 19 ("The Heavens Declare the Glory of God")	B. Marcello
Rigadoun	André Campra
Rondeau	J. J. Mouret
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Trumpet Tune and Air	Henry Purcell
Trumpet Tune in C	David N. Johnson
Trumpet Tune in D	David N. Johnson
Trumpet Voluntary/Fanfare for the Prince of Denmark	Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Voluntary, Op. 6, No. 5	John Stanley
Tuba Tune	C. S. Lang
"Wedding March" from <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
"Wedding March" from <i>The Sound of Music</i>	Rogers and Hammerstein