

St. Matthew Music Minister Policies and Fees

General Considerations

- The wedding couple has the ability to hire whomever to provide appropriate music at the wedding ceremony. Also, St. Matthew's music minister may be available at your request
- Couples who want to use an outside professional musician, a close friend or family member, a stringed quartet, harpist, etc., will need approval by the pastor
- Any person wishing to play our piano or organ is welcome. An organist, however, must not change the presets that are already set on our organ
- Secular vocal music is generally acceptable before the beginning of the service or following the benediction. The music within the confines of the service must be appropriate for a worship service. All music selections must be approved by the pastor

Music Minister's Services

If the couple requests the church's music minister to provide the music, the services provided are:

- Holding initial meeting with the couple:
 - Choose piano or organ
 - Determine choice of music (contemporary, classical, etc.)
- Attending and playing for the rehearsal (including practicing with any soloists/special musicians, e.g., trumpeters or flautists)
- At the wedding:
 - Approximately 15 minutes of soft pre-service music
 - Prelude for the seating of the parents and grandparents
 - Processional for the bridesmaids
 - Processional for the bride
 - Service music for the wedding
 - Recessional for the wedding party
 - Playing until the church has emptied

Music Minister's Fees

- Base fee for a service is \$250
- Additional \$25 per hour for practice sessions apart from a quick run-through at the rehearsal, if needed
- An additional fee may be added if the requested music will take a great deal of time to learn
- Cost for the purchase of music specifically requested by the couple will be added to the fees
- The agreed fee needs to be paid in full on or before the date of the rehearsal
- An additional fee will be added for the service of the church's vocal soloist