

## Covenant Church Session Policy for Weddings

1. Ordinarily, only members of Covenant Church or children of members may use the church building for weddings, and the wedding is to be performed by one of our Pastors. Exceptions may be granted by the session in specific circumstances.
2. All weddings approved must conform to the doctrinal standards of our church (WCF Ch. 24).
3. Before a wedding can be approved and placed on the church calendar, the couple must meet with one of the pastors. Full approval is then contingent on a final decision from the Session.
4. Premarital counseling with one of the pastors or someone approved by them is required prior to the wedding.
5. The specific marriage vows are not prescribed but whatever is used must include a commitment that the marriage vows are for life.
6. Because of the necessary preparations prior to a wedding and the celebrations that should follow it, it is not preferable for weddings to be held on the Lord's Day.