

# Park Street Church - Wedding Application

(Please Print Legibly)

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(work/other) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Relationship to Park Street Church:

Member / Current Regular Attendee / Other (explain)

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(work/other) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Relationship to Park Street Church:

Member / Current Regular Attendee / Other (explain)

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### Minister Preferences:

1st Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Other Preferences \_\_\_\_\_

### Wedding Date & Time Preferences:

1st Preference Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Preference Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

+ Saturday weddings must start no later than 3pm.

+ Wedding rehearsals are traditionally held on the day before the wedding at 5 PM. If you prefer to have the rehearsal on a different date or time, please indicate your preference below.

### Ceremony Location Preference:

Sanctuary - seats 800

Jones Chapel - seats 150

Who should the wedding coordinator use as the primary contact for details associated with the wedding?

Bride       Groom       Other

(If the primary contact is someone other than the bride or groom, list the person's address and phone numbers below.)

Expected Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

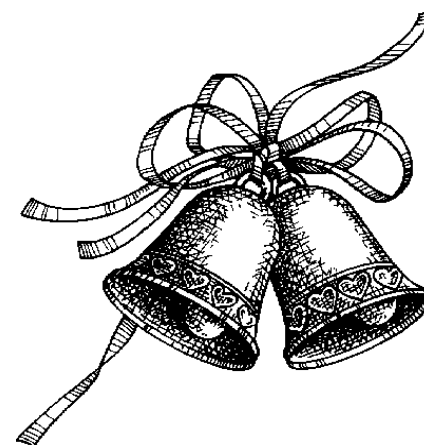
Are you intending to use the organ? \_\_\_\_\_

Application deposit enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be submitted with this application. The wedding fee balance is due 30 days prior to the wedding. Checks are payable to Park Street Church. Wedding dates are not officially reserved until the application process is complete.)

Are there other considerations we need to be aware of?

# Weddings at Park Street Church



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Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
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Wedding application and deposit may be dropped off at the church reception desk during regular business hours or mailed to  
**Church Administrator, Park Street Church, One Park Street, Boston, MA 02108.**  
For questions or more information, call 617-523-3383, ext. 734, or e-mail <[weddings@parkstreet.org](mailto:weddings@parkstreet.org)>.

## ***So you want to get married at Park Street Church . . .***

We are so glad you are considering our church for your special occasion! We view marriage as something much bigger than just a ceremony . . . it is the beginning of a life commitment and the initiation of a unique covenant relationship between you, your betrothed and God. That is why we want to provide something more than a memorable setting for your wedding ceremony. We want to walk you through God's words of promise, encouragement and caution on the subject and also equip you with some of the practical tools that will help you build a solid foundation for building a dynamic and lasting relationship with your mate.

We look forward to starting this journey with you. The items that follow will help us provide you with the best services for your wedding day and a good springboard for starting your new life together as one.

### ***What you should know about getting married at Park Street Church***

To be married at Park Street Church, either the bride or groom must be a member, regular attendee or an active participant in ministry at the church. Weddings that take place in Park Street Church must be performed or officiated by one of our ministers or by a minister approved by the Board of Elders. There is a flat fee of \$500 for all weddings held at the church. Unfortunately, in large part due to the high volume of activity within the church, we cannot accommodate receptions.

Since the Biblical texts about marriage are so complex and frequently misunderstood, our ministers would be glad to meet with you to discuss their convictions and the church's teaching about marriage as well as provide you with their personal requirements for participating in your wedding. As a starting point, however, you should consider the following points, which are held by everyone on our ministerial staff:

☺ Both you and your fiancé must be followers of Jesus Christ, having professed faith in Christ as your savior (2 Corinthians 6:14).

☺ Both you and your fiancé must be "free to marry" whether this is because you have never been married before or because you are widowed or divorced on

Biblical grounds (Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7).

☺ Both of you must understand and be committed to the Biblical pattern of marriage, which is modeled in Christ's love for the church (Ephesians 5:22-23).

☺ In spite of the devaluation of sexual intimacy in our society, it is our conviction that such intimacy and/or cohabitation before marriage are not acceptable in the eyes of the Lord. Accordingly, couples who have not lived up to God's standard in this matter will be urged to repent - in part, by having their wedding as soon as practicable (2 Samuel 13:16; Genesis 34:4; Exodus 22:16).

### ***Preparing you for your marriage***

Most of all, we want to help you start your married life on a sure footing. While premarital counseling is not mandated by Scripture, it is consistent with Biblical injunctions to seek counsel in making life decisions (Proverbs 12:15;14:22). As a result, we require a period of pre-marriage counseling. While the form and style of counseling will vary slightly with each minister, the sessions will cover general topics like God's design for marriage, reviewing personal histories and issues and the ceremony itself.

Park Street Church also offers a Christian Formation class for engaged couples and another one for newlyweds at least one Sunday semester each year. Participation in these classes is not required but is encouraged. The classes offer couples the added benefit of fellowship and group learning opportunities with others in the same stage of life.

### ***So where do you start?***

☺ The first step is to complete the application form. Indicate preferences for dates, times (Saturday ceremonies must start no later than 3pm) and a minister to perform the ceremony and your premarital counseling. We cannot guarantee your preferences but will make every effort to do so. You may call the church to find out dates that are currently available.

☺ Return the completed application to the church along with a deposit of \$50. Submit both items to the Church Administrator at Park Street Church. No commitment for a wedding date is confirmed until your completed application and deposit are received.

☺ A wedding coordinator will be assigned to you and will contact you once your application has been received. The coordinator will be your primary contact for information and planning issues involving your ceremony and the church. The coordinator will also manage the rehearsal and will be on-site on your wedding day to help things run smoothly.

☺ Once your wedding date is on the church calendar, you will need to schedule your premarital counseling sessions with the officiating minister.

### ***Answers to Frequently Asked Questions***

☺ The \$500 fee covers all costs related to an ordinary wedding ceremony. Exceptional circumstances or special requests may result in additional charges. Your wedding coordinator will assist you on these matters. A \$50 deposit must accompany the application. The balance of \$450 is due 30 days prior to your wedding day. Your check should be made out and sent to Park Street Church.

☺ For weddings where over 200 people are expected to attend, we strongly recommend a Boston Police detail for security or traffic control. Your wedding coordinator can help you with arrangements for this service. The police detail costs are not included in the wedding fee.

☺ If you intend to use the church organ in your ceremony, you must either arrange for the Park Street Church organist to play or you will need to obtain his written permission for another qualified organist to use the instrument. The wedding coordinator will help you with these arrangements.

☺ The use of candles must be discussed with the wedding coordinator. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on church property. Food and drinks are not permitted in the sanctuary. No rice, confetti or similar material may be thrown in or in front of the church.

☺ Parking on Park Street is metered and cannot be reserved for wedding limousines. No parking of any kind is allowed in front of the church on Tremont Street. Park Street Church has an arrangement with three local parking garages where our guests may park on weekends and weekday evenings for a reduced rate.

☺ **Other questions? Contact our Wedding Coordinator by calling 617-523-3383, ext. 734, or e-mailing <weddings@parkstreet.org>.**