



## ***Rules, rules, rules...***

To protect the sanctity of our services and space we have laid out some simple rules.

These also have a practical side to them concerning the manner in which things happen at St. Peter's.

We hope you find them both a helpful guide and an answer to your questions.

Please contact us with any further questions.

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# How Do I

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## **The Policies of St. Peter's Church Concerning:**

Baptism  
Marriage  
Funerals  
Membership  
Use of Church Space



## Baptism

- Only members and their children may be baptized (membership for 6 months prior)
- Infant baptism is only allowed when at least

one parent is a baptized confessing Christian

- At least one Baptismal preparation meeting with the clergy is required

## Weddings

- Only members may be married (membership for 6 months prior)
- Participation in an ALPHA course is highly recommended
- Participation in a Family Life *Weekend to Remember* is highly recommended
- There is a \$150 fee for the service
- The organist receives \$150 if her services are requested
- Terms of the Marriage Service:
  1. Both man and woman must be Confessing Christians
  2. At least the bride or groom must be baptized
  3. Six sessions of pre-marital counseling with the clergy



4. Marriage of a divorced person has additional requirements
  - a. presentation of a divorce absolute
  - b. letters from both parties
  - c. if there are more than 2 divorces professional counseling is required
5. Altar flowers shall be left for the Sunday service
6. If the Candelabras are requested there is an additional \$50 fee
7. Any decorations must be cleaned up after the service by the wedding party

## Funerals or Memorial Services

- No fee for members
- Non-members are charged \$150
- Always a closed-casket service
- Only Christian services are allowed
- The organist receives \$150 if her services are requested
- Flowers:
  1. No flowers on the altar or casket
  2. One arrangement may be placed at the base of the altar and one at the lectern
  3. Flowers at the foot of the cross are acceptable but all others must be in the narthex



## Membership Expectations

- Having an active relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- Living a Biblically moral life
- Regularly attending Sunday morning services (at least 2x monthly)
- Giving financially to the church (Biblical model is 10%)
- Regularly involved in BOTH education and ministry in the church
- Public confession of faith (Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or other method)
- Living a life that seeks to bring others to know God through Jesus Christ
- Able to affirm the Nicene Creed

## Use of the church spaces

- Free for our members with Clergy approval
- Non-members may use the space for a fee of 10% of what is being charged
- Terms of use:
  1. No alcoholic beverages.
  2. All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
  3. Building must be left exactly as it was upon arrival
  4. All leftover food must be removed.
  5. Organization / Person requesting use must align with St. Peter's Vision, Mission, and Beliefs.

