

Wedding Music at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church



A wedding is a sacred service, a time of joy, and above all, a time to praise and glorify God. Therefore, musical selections from a movie, Broadway show, or rock album may bring feelings of great sentiment, but are inappropriate for services of worship in the Presbyterian Church. Such music may be used at the reception, but not at the solemn ceremony where the sacred vows are said. The Fine Arts Staff along with the pastor shall have authority and discretion to determine that music chosen for the ceremony conforms to the standards of worship described by the Constitution of the PCUSA.

Below are some suggestions for your consideration. All are excellent choices for a joyous service of worship. When you have made your selections, please fill out the form on the back and return it to the church's reception desk. If you have questions regarding the music for your wedding ceremony, it is suggested that you contact Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts, at 610-525-2821 ext. 8834 or Jeffrey398@aol.com.

PROCESSIONALS

Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary) – Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Tune – Jeremiah Clark
Trumpet Voluntary – David Johnson
Canon in D - Johann Pachelbel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach
Rigaudon – Andre Campra

RECESSIONALS

Any from above
Hornpipe – George Frederick Handel
Psalm 19 – Benedetto Marcello
Toccata from Symphony V – Charles Marie Widor

HYMNS (see texts on following pages)

555 – Now Thank We All Our God
482 – Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
464 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
473 – For the Beauty of the Earth
376 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
145 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn Texts

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns
with Them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Rejoice ye pure in heart;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blessed.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.

Wedding Music Form

Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Location of Wedding (circle one): Sanctuary Chapel

Officiating Minister _____

Bride _____ Phone _____

Groom _____ Phone _____

Bridesmaids Processional _____

Bride Processional _____

Hymn(s) (2 maximum) _____

Recessional _____

Carillon requested? (additional fees apply) _____

Other requests _____

If you would like a trumpeter, other instrumentalist, or a vocalist, let us know immediately so that we may secure the services of a professional musician. We will provide you with their name and fee. A fee of \$50.00 is charged for the organist's rehearsal time with additional musicians. This fee should be mailed in advance to the church office. Instrumental or vocal music selections usually take place during the prelude time (about 15 minutes of music preceding the service).

Thank you!

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