

Wedding Service Planner

A premarital session outline, a ceremony order and a day-of checklist.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind... Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

The couple

Names	
Phones and emails	
Wedding date, time, place	
Rehearsal date and time	
Coordinator / musician	
Marriage license (state, county)	

Premarital sessions

#	Topic	Questions to explore
1	Your story and faith	How did you meet? Where is each of you with God? Why marriage, and why now?
2	Families and expectations	What did marriage look like growing up? Roles, holidays, in-laws.
3	Communication and conflict	How do you fight? How do you repair? Practice one hard conversation.
4	Money, work and home	Debt, budget, giving, careers, children, where you will live.
5	Intimacy and the ceremony	Expectations and hopes; walk through vows and the service.

Sample ceremony

#	Element	Who / notes
1	Prelude and seating of family	
2	Processional	
3	Welcome and opening prayer	
4	Scripture reading	

5	Short message	
6	Vows	
7	Exchange of rings	
8	Unity element (optional)	
9	Prayer of blessing	
10	Pronouncement and kiss	
11	Presentation and recessional	

Readings often chosen

- Genesis 2:18–24: It is not good to be alone
- Ruth 1:16–17: Whither thou goest
- Ecclesiastes 4:9–12: A threefold cord
- Song of Solomon 8:6–7: Love is strong as death
- 1 Corinthians 13: The love chapter
- Ephesians 5:21–33: Christ and the church
- Colossians 3:12–17: Above all, put on charity
- 1 John 4:7–12: Let us love one another

Day-of checklist

- ☐ Marriage license in hand, and a pen
- ☐ Ceremony notes and vows printed (and on your device)
- ☐ Rings: who has them?
- ☐ Pronunciation of every name checked
- ☐ Microphone tested; water at the front
- ☐ Witnesses identified for the license
- ☐ License signed and mailed or filed by the deadline
- ☐ Follow up with the couple at 3 months and 1 year