

Wedding Services

INFORMATION PACKET

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faith, so as to remove mo
3 If I give away all I have, a
but have not love, I gain nothing
4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jea
not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on
irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at
the right. 7 Love bears all things, believes all
endures all things.
8 Love never ends; as for prophecies,
tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge,
our knowledge is imperfect; as for the perfect

THAT IS WHY A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND IS UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH. – GEN. 2:24





A Note from Dr. Steven Lennertz

Congratulations on your decision to embark on the beautiful journey of marriage! At Eagle Ridge Church, we are honored to be a part of this significant milestone in your lives. Our church community is committed to supporting you as you prepare for your wedding day and the lifelong commitment that follows.

God Bless,

Dr. Steven Lennertz
Founder/Pastor
Eagle Ridge Church

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Our church believes in the importance of building a strong foundation for a lifelong marriage. To help couples prepare for this significant commitment, we offer a comprehensive six-week pre-marriage counseling program. This program is designed to equip couples with the tools and insights needed to navigate the challenges and joys of married life. Through guided sessions, couples will explore key topics such as communication, conflict resolution, and shared values, ensuring they are well-prepared for a harmonious and fulfilling marriage.

Please read Eagle Ridge Church's doctrine on Family, Marriage, And Childre:

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

We believe that the human race was created as genetic male (man) and genetic female (woman) by a direct act of God; that marriage has been established by God; therefore, marriage is a sacred covenantal union between one man and one woman, for life. We also believe that legitimate Biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, incest, polygamy, homosexuality, transgender, bisexuality, cross-dressing, pedophilia and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation, viewing and/or distribution of pornography and efforts to alter ones gender are incompatible with a true Biblical witness.

We believe that the solemnizing of a marriage is a sacred and profound event that shall be entered into only where the proposed covenantal union is in compliance with the Word of God; we also believe that the solemnizing of a marriage between men or women of the same gender is contrary to the Word of God, and is a sin before God. Additionally, we believe that God was the first author of marriage, and that the government should have no part in determining the doctrine of the Christian church on any issue.

Marriage has been instituted by God. This church defines "marriage" as the exclusive covenantal relationship of one man who was male at birth and one woman who was female at birth, in which such union is a lifetime commitment. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by this church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of marriage found in this doctrinal statement. Marriage is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

In order to clearly differentiate between holy matrimony and civil marriage, our Pastors will not conduct a civil marriage ceremony, and are not authorized to sign civil marriage certificates. The Pastors in our church are only authorized to conduct and solemnize religiously-based marriage through a Ceremony of Holy Matrimony. The ceremony will clearly distinguish itself from any civil marriage ceremony by recognizing that marriage between a husband and wife consists of a covenant among themselves and with God.

The property occupied by this church will not be used for conducting a civil marriage ceremony. With regard to marriage ceremonies, the property occupied by this church will only be used for conducting and celebrating a Ceremony of Holy Matrimony.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

PLANNING/PREPARATION OF SERVICES

All requests for Wedding services here at Eagle Ridge Church go to our Pastoral Care ministry. The Pastoral Care ministry is our hub to ensure that the initial information is obtained and then appropriated to help the couple get started and follow through for the wedding service.

SCHEDULING OF SERVICES

In our effort to offer services here at Eagle Ridge, we have designated days of the week that will allow our staff to assist in the different aspects of holding a service. Therefore, Mondays-Fridays are days available for your service.

* Days/Times are subject to previously scheduled events

OFFICIATING OF SERVICES

The oversight and officiating of services held here at Eagle Ridge Church are limited to Pastors on staff at Eagle Ridge unless Eagle Ridge approves an outside pastor.

SERVICE HANDOUTS

If there are any handouts, the couple is responsible to provide the handouts. A draft of all handouts/ folders must be delivered 72 hours before the service so they can be reviewed.

DECORATING

Decorating is limited and based on church approval. Any décor approved must be set up before service, removed after the service and is the couple's responsibility. Eagle Ridge does not take responsibility for these items.

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- * Note: Please be sure all items to be displayed are of appropriate content. Eagle Ridge reserves the right to ask the couple to remove any items we deem inappropriate for display.*

FLOWERS

Flowers are welcome, and the Eagle Ridge Wedding team will be available to help place arrangements for the couple for display in the foyer, the sanctuary, or the designated room for the service.

- * Flower Delivery - Individuals or florists can deliver flowers on the day of the scheduled service at least two hours before the service start time.

RECEPTIONS

By requests, Eagle Ridge Church offers refreshments accordingly: Cookies, vegetable platter, bottled water, coffee (please, no outside food to be brought in).

- * Cost to Couple - The cost for these items will be the couple's responsibility, and payment will be made when service arrangements are finalized. The couple will determine the number of guests attending, and the cost of refreshments will be \$2 per person. Upon agreement and payment, Eagle Ridge will purchase refreshments, provide set up & tear-down, and prepare leftover refreshments for the couple.
- * The Courtyard (weather permitting) is where refreshments will be available.

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PRE-SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS

Pre-Service Music – Eagle Ridge can provide music from our internal playlists to be played 30 minutes before the service. Should the couple have a song or songs of their preference, please inform the officiating pastor during your scheduled pre-service meeting for consideration.

- * Projection screen picture options - The couple has several options to consider for the scene backdrop upon request.
- * Reserved Seating for Couple - We reserve the first two or three rows of the sanctuary for family. Please let the Pastoral Care Pastor know the approximate number of family members to be seated.
- * Babies and young children who may be disruptive must be accompanied by parents and not sit near the front. We suggest, sitting near the back of the sanctuary. If there is a disruption, we suggest exiting into the lobby to not distract the service and re-enter when the child is quiet.
- * Recording of services – Eagle Ridge will not record any services and is not responsible for any recordings. If a couple would like to have the service recorded by an outside source, that will have to be approved by the officiating pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The pastor will work with the couple in determining all aspects of the order of the wedding service and make the final determination of the format.

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Wedding Pricing

The couple will need to meet with the Pastor at least once in person prior to setting up our counseling processes and setting dates. This is important. First, it will give you an opportunity to get to know one another, and this will make for a better Wedding service. Second, it allows everything to be scheduled on the Church calendar.

EAGLE RIDGE CHURCH MEMBER FEES

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| <i>Sanctuary</i> | <i>\$500.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Sound Tech fee & Custodial - 2hr. Max • \$150.00 per hr. after 2hr. | |
| <i>Rehearsal</i> | <i>\$175.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Custodial fee 4 hr. max | |
| <i>Reception</i> | <i>\$450.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Custodial fee • 2 hr. max • \$150.00 per hr. after 2hr. • Table clothes \$75.00 | |
| <i>Pastor Honorarium</i> | <i>\$400.00</i> |
| <i>Vocalist</i> | <i>\$150.00</i> |
| <i>Musician</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> |
| <i>Pianist</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> |
| <i>Media</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> |
| <i>(some restrictions apply)</i> | |

NON-MEMBER FEES

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| <i>Sanctuary</i> | <i>\$700.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Sound Tech fee & Custodial 2hr. Max • \$150.00 per hr. after 2hr. | |
| <i>Rehearsal</i> | <i>\$175.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Custodial fee 4 hr. max | |
| <i>Reception</i> | <i>\$650.00</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Custodial fee • 2 hr. max • \$150.00 per hr. after 2hr. • Table clothes \$100.00 | |
| <i>Pastor Honorarium</i> | <i>\$600.00</i> |
| <i>Vocalist</i> | <i>\$250.00</i> |
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All financial arrangements are to be finalized 24 hours prior to the service
Any modification of fees must be approved by the pastor.



After the couple has reviewed this packet and is prepared to move forward in planning with Eagle Ridge, please get in touch with our Pastoral Care department at (951) 679-3239 for help with the next step.

May God's bless you!



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