

Pastoral Services

Christ Episcopal Church

Norms and fees of weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other uses of the Church

Use of the Church

The Church can be used for pastoral sacramental rites at the discretion of the priest of the congregation. No sacramental rites can be performed in the absence of or without the permission of the bishop or priest. The Organist always has first right of refusal for any event.

Members of the parish (defined by regular attendance at worship, as well as regular giving to the Church, either in cash or in kind) do not pay a fee for the use of the Church or the Parish Hall. All other fees do apply.

Fees can be negotiated in cases of financial hardship.

Baptisms

Baptisms take place on Sunday mornings in the context of a regularly scheduled Eucharist. Every effort is made to accommodate families; however, no baptisms will be scheduled during Lent.

Although no honorarium is necessary for a baptism, it is customary for families to make a donation to the Food Pantry in the child's name. Both godparents must be baptized Christians.

Funerals

Funerals are scheduled at a time mutually agreed on by family and priest.

FUNERAL FEES	
Priest	$200.00
Organist	$175.00
Altar Guild Fee	To set up the altar and candles for the Mass, including communion wafers and wine.
Use of the Church Fee	$200.00
Use of the Parish Hall	To be determined based on type of use.

Weddings

Weddings must be scheduled at a minimum of four months in advance, subject to availability. For the first marriage for both parties, at least three counseling sessions are required before the wedding. If either of the couple have been married before, application must be made to the bishop for permission to marry, and a copy of divorce absolute must be provided, in addition to the counseling sessions. If either party has been married more than once before, application must be made to the bishop for permission to marry, a copy of divorce absolute must be provided, and the couple must receive pre-marriage counseling from a certified professional counselor.

WEDDING FEES	
Priest	$350.00
Organist	$250.00
Altar Guild Fee	To set up the altar and candles for the Mass, including communion wafers and wine.
Use of the Church Fee	$200.00
Use of the Parish Hall	To be determined based on type of use.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep."
ROMANS 12:15



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All are welcome.