



## Policies for Wedding Music and Musicians

We are delighted that you have chosen to have your wedding at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and look forward to providing beautiful music for the service. All wedding music at St. Paul's is coordinated by the Associate Director of Music & Organist, Joel Trekell. Please contact Joel at [jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org) or (713) 528-0527 x.142 to discuss musical selections. The following music policies are in effect for all weddings:

- Because a wedding is a worship service, guidelines for music are subject to the same standards as music for any other worship service at St. Paul's.
- Music for weddings must be selected in consultation with the Associate Director of Music.
- Texts of hymns, anthems, or solos are to be taken from Holy Scripture, the *United Methodist Hymnal*, the *Book of Common Prayer*, or shall be texts congruent with them. Only music appropriate for a liturgy is to be used. Music with commercial associations, whether textual or musical, is not appropriate.
- The Director of Music will have final say as to the suitability of all music to be included in a wedding at St. Paul's.
- St. Paul's staff organists play at all weddings at which organ music is desired.
- When vocal solos are desired, they are sung by St. Paul's staff singers only. The St. Paul's Choir may also be engaged to sing at a wedding, provided that ample notice is given. Please check with Joel Trekell regarding availability.
- Instrumental musicians, such as a string quartet or trumpeter must be approved by the Associate Director of Music.
- Payment for St. Paul's staff musicians is made through the church; payment for other instrumentalists is made directly to them.
- Musicians do not attend wedding rehearsals.

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