CORNERSTONE WEDDING POLICIES:

- All couples must meet with a pastor before a wedding date is reserved. After the pastoral interview, non-members must forward a non-refundable deposit of $200 payable to Cornerstone EPC, before the date can be guaranteed. This will be applied to the Building Usage Fee.

- Couples must be active at the church for at least three months prior to the scheduling of a wedding and must remain active during the period preceding a wedding. "Active" is defined as present for worship at least two-thirds of the time. Members of the pastoral staff may make exceptions to this policy under extraordinary circumstances.

- Couples must have separate living arrangements prior to their wedding and must maintain such arrangements until they are married.

- Couples must demonstrate a commitment to genuine spiritual growth as individuals and in their intended marriage. Therefore, pre-marital counseling as prescribed by the officiating pastor will be required.

- **ALL MEMBERS OF A WEDDING PARTY, BRIDE, GROOM AND ATTENDANTS ARE ASKED TO DRESS WITH APPROPRIATE MODESTY. Brides and bridesmaids are asked to be particularly careful regarding necklines and other details of their attire.**

- **Candelabrums with oil candles are available at no additional charge. Unity candles are supplied by the bridal party, but unity candle holders are available for use. Details can be arranged with the Wedding Coordinator.**

- **Additional items available for your use on the day of your wedding:**
    a. Pew Decorations
    b. Baskets (for petals, programs, bubbles, etc.)
    c. Ring Pillows

- Checks to the pastor and organist are payable directly to them. Building and service fees are payable to Cornerstone EPC. **All are due a minimum of two weeks before the wedding.**

- **All Cornerstone buildings and property are alcohol, marijuana and illegal substance free. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME ON THE GROUNDS OR IN THE BUILDINGS OF THE CHURCH.**

- All Cornerstone buildings are entirely smoke-free.

- Wedding parties have access to the building two hours prior to the wedding and up to one hour after the wedding. If additional time is needed, please work with the Wedding Coordinator.

- Only Cornerstone pastors and musicians may officiate/participate at Cornerstone weddings; exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Lead Pastor.

- Only Cornerstone personnel or designee may operate the sound systems. The officiating pastor and/or organist must approve all music.

- Videotaping and other photography are welcome; the Wedding Coordinator must approve details.

- Decorations are not to be placed in or removed from the Sanctuary or elsewhere in the building unless approved by the Wedding Coordinator.

- Birdseed, rice, or other items are not to be thrown inside or outside of the church.

- Wedding receptions may be accommodated at the church, depending on the date. There is an additional fee to use space for wedding receptions. Please inquire with Amy Good(agood@cstoneepc.com) for usage guidelines and cost.

- All weddings are required to use the Cornerstone Wedding Coordinator. The coordinator will represent the church for policy and facility information, aid the wedding party in scheduling and planning the wedding and will assist during the rehearsal and wedding.

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Informing and Inspiring the EPC Family

EPC reaffirms biblical definition of marriage

Due to the most recent pronouncement of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to redefine marriage, we in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church reaffirm our position on Christian marriage. We hold to the biblical standard of marriage, which is that it is a formal and sacred covenant between one man and one woman for life.

Further, to clarify our relationship among the diverse Presbyterian denominations, the EPC is a completely independent, separate, and unrelated denomination from the PC(USA) and shares no mutual identity, missions, or holdings.

Our unquestionable commitment to this biblical definition of marriage is undergirded by our belief that God ordained marriage for a number of purposes. These include His glory; intimate human companionship and mutual assistance; bearing, nurturing, and training of children; promoting societal stability; and affirming the proper context for human sexuality.

The EPC is firmly rooted in the Reformed tradition and orthodox theology. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the infallible Word of God, the final authority on all issues to which it speaks. Therefore, our attitudes and behaviors are to be judged in the light of the Bible, rather than the Bible being reinterpreted, modified, or overturned by current cultural trends.

The PC(USA) announcement comes after its General Assembly and a majority of its presbyteries approved an amendment to their *Book of Order.* That amendment changes the definition of marriage to "a unique relationship between two people, traditionally a man and a woman" and permits its ministers to officiate same-sex unions in its churches.

We grieve for our brothers and sisters in the PC(USA) who have chosen to submit to culture rather than to abide by God's Word. We stand with numerous other evangelical, conservative, and traditional Christians from many branches of the Christian faith tree in our belief in biblical marriage.

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