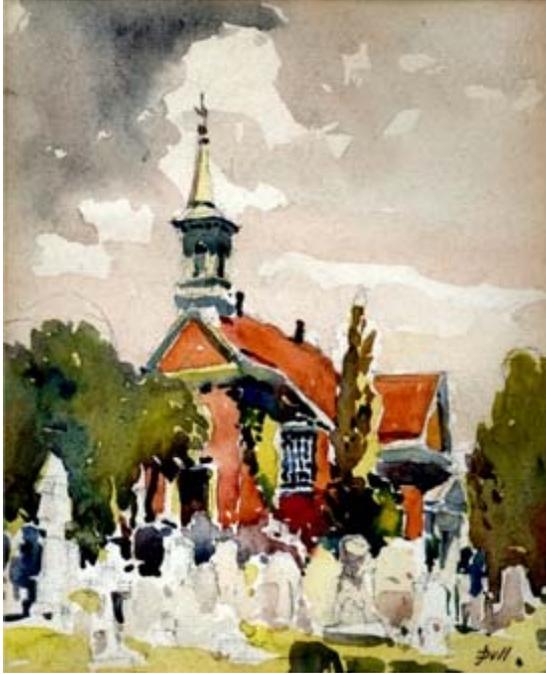


Gloria Dei Church

(O l d S w e d e s')

Columbus Blvd. & Christian Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147



Weddings

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church was built by the Swedish colonists between 1698 - 1700, the interior was renovated, with balconies added in 1845 and restored in 1998-1999.

We have been a congregation of the Diocese of Pennsylvania of THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH since 1845. In 1942, Gloria Dei was named a National Historic Site, and it is the oldest congregation in Pennsylvania.

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church is an active Episcopal worshipping community, a bit low in numbers but large in spirit. We have been told we are informally formal, and formally informal, as you will find to be the case with the conduct of the marriage service. We ask people who come here to be married to participate in our normal Sunday services as well, so that you can get to know us and that we can know you. Throughout the year we worship at 10:00AM on Sunday mornings and 6:30PM on Tuesday evenings.

Weddings are scheduled through the Church Administrator. The date and occasion must be cleared with the Rector. Normally approval is readily granted. Marriages need to be arranged at least 90 days prior to an expected wedding, and preferably with more notice than that. It is required by The Episcopal Church that at least one partner in the marriage be a baptized Christian. Please let us know if either party is divorced (re-marriage within The Episcopal Church is permissible, but there are special requirements). You may call the office and request a Wedding Application/Information Form be mailed to you. Upon return of this form and your deposit arrangements will begin.

Arrangements are made by scheduling a meeting of the couple with the Rector (215-389-1513). The Rector does have the legal right under Church law to refuse to marry a couple "because she doesn't want to." But usually she does want to, and usually the time and date for the marriage are agreed upon at this meeting. Dates & times are on a first-come basis; more than one marriage is possible on a date, but a two hour time lapse is required, i.e., if there is a marriage at 3:00, another marriage may be scheduled at 1:00 or before, or 5:00 or later.

ONCE AGREED UPON, THE DATE AND TIME OF THE WEDDING MAY NOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT CONSULTING THE CHURCH

EXPENSES:

The "standard" wedding fee for a "standard" wedding: \$1,100.00

This is a fee to enable the continued ministry of Gloria Dei Church.

In addition there are professional fees:

Clergy	\$500.00
Organist	\$250.00
Sexton	\$150.00

EXCLUDED: the expenses of the florist (and any florist may be used). Please remember - a) white flowers disappear against white paint; b) the church is small; c) a little goes a long way.

Runners are NOT permitted: they tend to be slippery, and they can't be well "anchored."

PAYMENT OF WEDDING FEES:

Fifty percent of the \$1,100.00 (\$550) is due with the wedding application form. The balance is due two weeks before the scheduled wedding. If a change in plans takes place and notification is given no less than two weeks prior to the wedding date, the deposit is returned; otherwise, the \$550.00 deposit is credited towards the total fee. Professional fees are due and payable to each individual at the time of the rehearsal (see wedding fee schedule). You are asked to please place cash or check in the amounts noted above in separate envelopes marked "sexton", "organist", "clergy", "soloist" at the time of the rehearsal.

ARRANGEMENTS

The couple is asked to meet with the Rector well before the wedding to review the service itself with the options therein, and to talk a bit about marriage, which, as a number of people have discovered, is much more easily entered into than gotten out of. Normally there is a wedding rehearsal just prior to the wedding (the evening before most commonly, because that is usually when the wedding party is gathered - rehearsals have taken place as much as a week before).

The couple needs to talk with the Director of Music, Paul Fejko; [609-462-9000] who will ordinarily play organ music for all weddings, and must approve all music to be used during the wedding. Other organists and musicians must be approved by the Director of Music. There is a great variety of music available. Please make your selections at least two weeks prior to the scheduled wedding.

If there is an interest or need, we have a list of soloists and instrumentalists. If you want a special piece of music, please be prepared to supply sheet music (that's true for organ music, too). Soloists and instrumentalists are an additional expense.

The Parish Hall is available for a wedding reception; it can accommodate up to, but not exceed, 75 people. Rehearsal dinners are also possible in the Parish Hall. We do not have an "official" caterer.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The communion rite may be used in conjunction with the marriage service. When used, the marriage service ends with the Blessing and Peace, and the service then moves to the preparation for and the recitation of the Eucharistic Prayer. The communion is "open," i.e., not restricted to the wedding couple or party; all those who seek God in their hearts are welcome at the Lord's table.

Wedding bulletins or programs, if desired, are the responsibility of the couple but must be approved by the Rector at least 2 weeks before the wedding.

Limited on-site parking is available through the lot entrance on Christian Street.

The Roak Room may be available for the wedding party before the wedding service. Please check with the Church Administrator.

Flash photography and roaming video photography are NOT allowed during the wedding service. A video camera may be placed in the balcony during the service. Photographers are asked to check details with the Rector.

Furniture and other fixtures in the church may NOT be removed or moved elsewhere, except by church staff.

The throwing of rice, flower petals, confetti, bird seed or any item that would litter the church property is NOT permitted.