

## Clergy

The South Church has both female and male clergy available to perform ceremonies. Your chosen clergy member will work with you in planning and performing your ceremony. Unfortunately, we do not allow outside clergy to perform ceremonies at The South Church.

## Wedding Coordinator

The South Church on-site Wedding Coordinator will assist you in planning your ceremony, answer any questions, and ensure that everyone gets down the aisle on time!

The Wedding Coordinator is present at the rehearsal and will be at the church two hours before the ceremony begins..



*It is our great honor to participate in helping to make your wedding, wedding vows renewal, or commitment ceremony memorable.*

*The South Church*

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501 South Emerson Street  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
Phone 847.253.0501



## Order of Ceremony

Prelude  
Lighting of Candles by Mothers  
Seating of Parents  
Entry of Minister & Groomsmen  
Entry of Bridal Party  
Entry of Bride and Escort  
Welcome Statements  
Statement of Intentions  
First Reading  
Wedding Vows  
Ring Ceremony  
Second Reading  
Unity Candle Service  
Declaration of Couple  
Wedding Kiss  
Blessing  
Introduction of New Couple  
Recessional

### Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
9 a.m. to 12 noon

To reserve a date for your ceremony, contact The South Church Wedding Coordinator by phone, or email.

weddingcoordinator@thesouthchurch.com  
phone 847.253.0501

*Weddings*  
*We say "yes" to love...*



[www.thesouthchurch.com](http://www.thesouthchurch.com)



## Honoring Your Commitment...

We say “Yes” to your love and to having your wedding or commitment ceremony performed at The South Church, even if you are not members. We are open and inclusive to all and do not require you to believe the same things we believe. So, if you are tired of hearing “No!” or if you have a hard time complying with burdensome preconditions, The South Church may be a good place for you.



*Aisle candles provide an intimate glow and are available for use in addition to the altar candelabra provided. They are particularly appropriate for winter or late afternoon.*

## Requirements

A \$200 non-refundable deposit, along with a completed information form, is required to reserve a date on the church calendar. Full payment of all fees is required one week before your ceremony.

Wedding licenses must be delivered to the church office one week prior to the ceremony date.

One meeting with a church clergy member is required. More meetings may be indicated but are not required. Couples may also participate in the “Prepare-Enrich” premarital counseling, which is optional.

## Fees

### General Fee

◆ Includes church, minister, organist and wedding coordinator ..... \$1,200

### Optional Choices

◆ Soloist..... \$100  
◆ Prepare/Enrich Counseling ..... varies  
◆ Aisle Candles (includes candles)..... \$175  
◆ Night Before Rehearsal Fee ..... \$150

## Times

Ceremony times are flexible. We will work with you to arrange the best time for your ceremony.

## Seating Capacity

The South Church sanctuary and balcony seats 220 people.

## Air Conditioning

Yes, we have air conditioning.

## Candles

If candles are desired, The South Church will provide the altar candelabra and the Unity Candle holder. The couple provides the candles.

## Aisle Runners

If you choose to use an aisle runner, the distance from our altar to the back door is 70 feet.

## What to Throw

Birdseed or flower petals may be thrown as the couple leaves the church. Bubbles may also be used. For ecological reasons we do not allow the use of rice, balloons, or streamers. And for safety reasons, sparklers are not permitted.

## Videography

Videographers may videotape during the ceremony from one of two stationary locations, which will be shown to them by the wedding coordinator prior to the ceremony.

## Photography

Still photos with flash may be taken of ceremony participants entering the sanctuary. No flash photos may be taken after the participants have gathered near the altar. Non-flash photos may be taken during the ceremony from the rear of the sanctuary ONLY. **Any exceptions MUST be cleared with The South Church wedding coordinator prior to the ceremony!**

Additional pictures, both indoors and outdoors, may be taken up to 1/2 hour before the ceremony starts and 1/2 hour after the ceremony is over. Additional times may be available for photos if scheduling permits.

## Rehearsals

A separate rehearsal is recommended, usually, occurring the night before the wedding. An additional \$150 non-refundable deposit is required to hold the date. If weddings are small, a rehearsal prior to the ceremony, on the day of the wedding, may be held at no additional charge.