



## WEDDING CEREMONY GUIDE

There are lots of options when it comes to putting together a Wedding Ceremony Program. A traditional Christian Ceremony can have any of the following. The main staples are **bold**. If the line reads lists two titles then either can be used in the program. Songs are a matter of preference. Instrumental music can be played throughout the entire service or different songs can be played. I would suggest keeping the number of songs as minimal as possible. Feel free to add readings, solos or other entertainment wherever needed. Typically a wedding ceremony is 30-45 minutes.

### **Prelude (song)**

Lighting of the Candles

Seating of Special Guests

Seating of Godparents

Seating of Grandparents

### **Seating of Parents**

**Entrance of Pastor, Groom, & Best Man**

**Processional or Entrance of Bridal Party**

### **Entrance of Bride (song)**

*Give direction – "Please Stand", "Please Stand as the Bride passes your pew", or "Please Remain Seated"*

### **Invocation or Prayer**

### **Exchange of Vows**

### **Exchange of Rings**

Sand Ceremony or Unity Ceremony/Lighting of the Unity Candle or Other (song)

Communion

### **Blessing of the Union or Prayer**

Jumping of the Broom

**Pronouncement or Presentation of the Bride and Groom**

### **Recessional (song)**

Please list the following information for your program. Only fill in the lines that you want included in your program.

**ALL NAMES WILL BE CUT & PASTE FROM THIS FORM. PLEASE BE SURE TO SPELL ALL NAMES CORRECTLY.**

**PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS ONTO THE FORM, SAVE IT WITH YOUR WEDDING NAMES (ex. Wedding Ceremony Program Guide – Brown-Williams) AND EMAIL IT BACK TO ME.**

**Music**

-Prelude song & artist:

-Entrance of the Bride song & artist:

-Recessional Song (Bridal Party exit song) & artist:

-Other music and when it should be played:

**Directions:**

-What do you want guests to do when the Bride comes down the aisle? Pick one:

***Please Stand      Please stand as the Bride passes your aisle      Please Remain Seated***

-Which term do you prefer? ***Invocation*** or ***Prayer***

-Will any of the following happen during your ceremony?

***Sand Ceremony      Lighting of Unity Candle      Jumping the Broom      Other***

If Other, please explain:

-Which phrase/term do you prefer? ***Blessing of the Union*** or ***Prayer***

Which phrase/term do you prefer? ***Pronouncement*** or ***Presentation of the Bride and Groom***

**Bridal/Wedding Party**

Bride Name:

Groom Name:

Special Guest(s) name(s) & role (Ex. Aunt of the Bride – Kimberly Morris):

God parent(s) names(s) & role:

Grandparent(s) name(s) & role:

Parent(s) name(s) & role:

Officiant(s) name(s):

Maid(s) of Honor:

Matron(s) of Honor:

Best Man/Men:

Bridesmaids:

Groomsmen:

Flower Girl(s):

Ring Bearer:

Is there anything else that I should add?