

Weddings/Memorials/Events

I have played the piano for weddings, memorials, and other services for many years and enjoy adapting to a variety of tastes and styles of ceremony.

FORMATS

You will be settling upon a format for your service with the clergy person or other officiate who will be conducting the service. Please send me a copy of whatever bulletin, etc. that you come up with, or bring it to our meeting. You and I should meet together once that format is decided upon, probably at my studio where I have a substantial music library, to decide on the music and how it will fit into the established service. My basic fee assumes ten or fifteen minutes of music before the wedding, a processional, a recessional, and perhaps a piano solo in the middle somewhere, and/or a hymn sung by the entire congregation.

SOLOISTS

Some people also like to have a singer or instrumentalist or ensemble to sing or play at some point before or during the service. It is especially nice if you have a family member or close friend who can do this, but if you would like musical "extras" like that, most soloists will charge \$100-150 for a wedding, depending upon the amount and difficulty of repertoire. I'd be happy to discuss that with you.

ORGAN?

Sometimes I am asked whether I will play the organ for all or part of the service. I do occasionally play the organ to accompany a hymn, and once in a while for the recessional, but if the organ is the primary instrument that you want, I would refer you to a full time organist.

FEES

My basic fee for a wedding is \$200, for an offsite wedding, \$275.00 (within a thirty mile radius of my studio) with a down payment due at the consultation and final balance due seven days prior to event date (it works best for both of us to have one less thing to think about at the main event!). Funerals/memorials etc., that base rate is \$100.00 per hour. That includes, as stated above, 10 -15 minutes of piano music before the service, the processional and recessional, and a hymn and/or short solo in the middle. Assumed also in that fee is a meeting to choose music. There are extra fees if I need to hold a special rehearsal to accompany a soloist, if I have to bring my own equipment, if I am to conduct the rehearsal, or if you request specific music that I must learn especially for this event. I do have a variety of music available, however, and can sight read, so this last is not often the case. Please feel free to visit my sound cloud page of wedding repertoire: <https://soundcloud.com/gail-alix-heywood/sets/wedding-music>

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