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MARRIAGE Preparation Questions

In helping you prepare for your marriage and plan the wedding service the following questions may be discussed with you as a couple. You may find it helpful to consider sharing with each other, the pastor, family and others involved in your life and the ceremony what you hope for your relationship and the celebration of your promises before God. Please share any additional needs or questions you may have.

1. About You: Where do you live? What do you do for work? How did you meet and when? How long have you been engaged? What attracts you to each other? Do you have hobbies, dreams, concerns?
2. Your Connection to Grace: What is your previous/current active involvement in ministry?
3. Your Spiritual Life: Where are you in your relationship with God? Why do you want to get married in the church?
4. The Wedding Service: How do you understand the wedding as service of worship?
5. Marriage: What promises are at the heart of marriage vow? What words say it best for you?
6. Readings: What Bible passages or Christian beliefs most express God's love for you, promises for marriage, blessings for those gathered?
7. Music and Symbolic Actions: What do you want the music to express (through instruments, voice, singing)? What other symbols or actions might be meaningful? How will family, friends and congregation be involved in the service?
8. How can a pastor help you in preparing for your marriage and in planning the wedding service?
9. Do you have any questions? About marriage, the wedding service, church guidelines, ministry at Grace?
10. How can we pray for you?



"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God." (1 John 4:7)