

Premarital Counseling

Because promise-making is so foundational to a lasting relationship, we as a pastoral staff are committed to the practice of premarital counseling. Normally, this requires several sessions with a member of the pastoral staff who will be officiating at the ceremony.

Premarital counseling consists of two parts. The first part is a process of discerning readiness to enter the marital covenant. Here, we consider questions about the practical issues of the marriage relationship, such as communication, problem-solving, values, power/freedom issues, money, sexual intimacy, parenting, etc. The second part of premarital counseling is a process of planning the wedding service itself.