

10 Good Reasons to Get Married in a Church

- 1 I want God to be at the center of this momentous event.
- 2 I desire God's guidance in my married life.
- 3 I love this church and I am an active participant in it.
- 4 I was once an active participant in this church, and I miss it.
- 5 I trust that this church community will support me and my new family.
- 6 I have moved away, and I have a church home where I live now, but this was once my church home and I treasure the ways in which it has shaped me.
- 7 This was once my church home, and while I don't have a spiritual community now, I long to find one soon.
- 8 This has never been my church home, but it was my partner's, and I treasure the ways in which it has shaped my future spouse.
- 9 My partner and I have two different religious traditions, but we have agreed that this place can be sacred for both of us on our wedding day.
- 10 This seems to be a holy place, and we want to find the Spirit here.

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10 Bad Reasons to Get Married in a Church

- 1 I have always wanted to walk down the aisle.
- 2 I love the way this church looks in pictures.
- 3 I love the way I look, in this church, in pictures.
- 4 My parents/grandparents/relatives would kill me if I didn't.
- 5 This was once my church home and if I don't, people will be disappointed.
- 6 This was once my church home and I have not missed it, in fact I resent it, so it's about time they did something nice for me.
- 7 This was once my partner's church home and while I can't see that it made or makes any difference in my future spouse's life, the family wants us to get married here, so whatever.
- 8 It is conveniently located nearby the site of the wedding reception.
- 9 It has good parking.
- 10 It's cheap.

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10 Signs You Should Not Be Getting Married in a Church

- 1 You find yourself asking the clergy to take all the references to Jesus out of the service.
- 2 You find yourself dreading your next meeting with the minister.
- 3 You find yourself dreading the service, worried that the minister will say something too religious.
- 4 You disagree with the values of the church.
- 5 You find the values of the church so uninteresting that you can just tune them out, no problem.
- 6 You are not a member of any faith community and neither one of you intends to be.
- 7 This location feels like a choice you both are making for somebody else, rather than for yourselves.
- 8 You and your partner have never talked about religion, and you don't think you ever will.
- 9 This experience feels like just another wedding transaction, one more service provider to check off the list.
- 10 You can't wait for the reception.

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