

Wedding of



**Zach
&
Savannah
Medlin**

**Saturday
October 26, 2013**

(Song: Trumpet Voluntary)
Played while wedding party enters.

(Song: Bridal Chorus)
Played while bride enters.

Welcome

The Convocation

We are gathered here in the presence of God and of this company to join in holy marriage Savannah and Zach and to bear witness to the transforming power of love.

Love is a quality of spirit and an attitude of emotions, but a marriage is a life's work, a spiritual art form. Therefore this is an occasion of both profound joy and great responsibility, and we who partake in it bind ourselves as witnesses to the labor of love that Savannah and Zach are undertaking here.

In acknowledgment of this holy purpose and of the power of this occasion, let us pray.

Prayer

Parental Blessing

Who gives this woman and man to be married?

Parents answer, "We do," or father answers, "Her mother & I."

Declaration of Intent

Zach, Do you promise to love Savannah as her husband, to receive her as your wife, to make a home where she will be loved and cared for as long as God grants her life?

If so answer, "I do."

Savannah, Do you promise to love Zach as his wife, to receive him as your husband, to make a home where he will be loved and cared for as long as God grants him life?

If so answer, "I do."

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-8: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Message

The Marriage Vows

The couple holds hands and faces each other.

Zach, repeat this vow to Savannah:

I, Zach take you, Savannah,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish
until death do us part;
as God is my witness,
I give you my promise.

Savannah, repeat this vow to Zach:

I, Savannah, take you, Zach,
to be my husband,
to have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish
until death do us part;
as God is my witness,
I give you my promise.

The Exchange of Rings

Having this unfailing love in your hearts, you have chosen to exchange rings as the sign and seal of the vows you are making today.

Gives minister the rings

Though small in size, these rings are very large in significance. Made of precious metal, they remind us that love is not cheap nor common; indeed, love may cost us dearly. Made in a circle, their design tells us that love must never come to an end; we must keep it continuous. As you wear these rings, whether together or apart for a moment, may they be constant reminders of these glad promises you are making today. This ring of I hold has special significance. May this always remind you of the continuity you have to generations of the past and generations of the future.

Zach take your ring and place it on the third finger of Savannah's left hand, and repeat after me this promise:

"Savannah, I give you this ring,
wear it with love and joy.
I choose you to be my wife.
I pledge my love and commitment,
to be your faithful and loving husband,
as God is my witness."

Savannah take your ring and place it on the third finger of Zach's left hand and repeat after me this promise:

"Zach, I give you this ring,
wear it with love and joy.
I choose you to be my husband.
I pledge my love and commitment,
to be your faithful and loving wife,
as God is my witness."

Prayer

Unity Sand Ceremony

(Move behind the Sand Ceremony Table.)

The most beautiful example of this partnership is the marriage relationship. You have committed here today to share the rest of your lives with each other. Today, this relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand one, representing you, Savannah and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be, and the other representing you, Zach and all that you were and all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

As these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage be, united as one for all of your days.

(Song: I Love the Way You Love Me)

Pronouncement of Marriage

(Song: Wedding March)

Played while entire wedding party exits.

Invite guests to the reception to follow.