



The Bride of Christ

OBJECTIVE: A time to review the past year and rejoice in what God has done in and through the ladies of PWOC. For healthy, growing Christian women, each passing year is a preparation for us to serve God in a new capacity. Every one of us will be facing some new challenge for which God has been preparing us now. This is a program to honor God and thank Him for His provision over the past year; to honor the board and thank them for their gift of service over the past year; to pass the mantle of leadership, through an installation ceremony, to a new board and introduce them to the body of PWOC.

SCRIPTURAL FOCUS: Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

DECORATIONS: It's a wedding...do it up! Find out what your chapel program has available for weddings i.e. aisle runner, candelabras, etc. Some places will rent archways, punch fountains, and aisle runners very reasonably priced. Of course, flowers, flowers, everywhere. Tulle and curling ribbon combined with a small silk flower can adorn the ends of selected pews. Whether you normally eat at your programs or not, think about having a wedding cake at this one! There may be someone within your local body who can make a beautiful tiered wedding cake. Use plastic wine glasses stacked attractively near the punch bowl. Balloons also add a nice festive touch. If your budget does not allow for helium balloons, you can attach curling ribbon to them and hang them from the ceiling intertwined with toile.

If you are planning a meal, make it a feast! Decorate the tables with white tablecloths, potpourri, tulle, and curling ribbon. Floating candles also add a nice touch to each table. These can be made inexpensively by using regular tea light candles. Remove the metal covering and melt the bottom of the wick into the candle using a match or automatic lighter. The candle will now float and the wick will stay put. Place the candle in a small, clear bowl of water. Use a few drops of food coloring to add to your color scheme. Place a tiny bottle of bubbles at each place setting for the favor.

FAVOR: Tiny bottles of bubbles. To the top, attach curling ribbon with a small wedding ring amidst the curls. To the bottom, tape a strip of paper with the scripture (Rev. 19:7). The bubbles and rings can be purchased at most party stores, Wal-Mart, craft stores, and sometimes the Dollar Store.

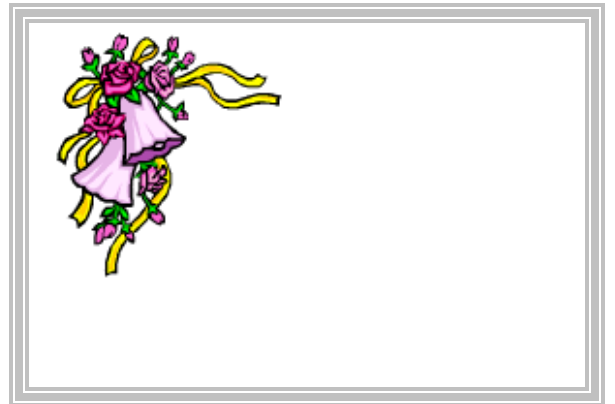
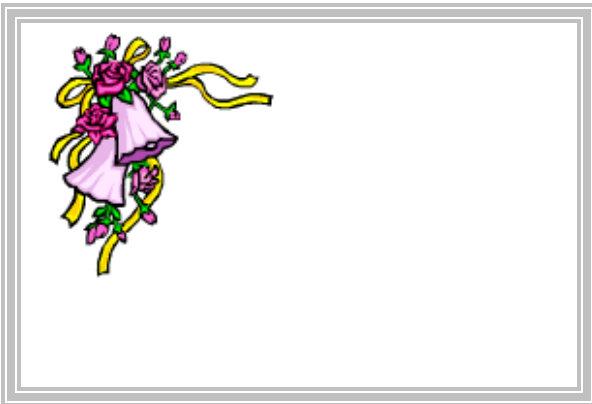
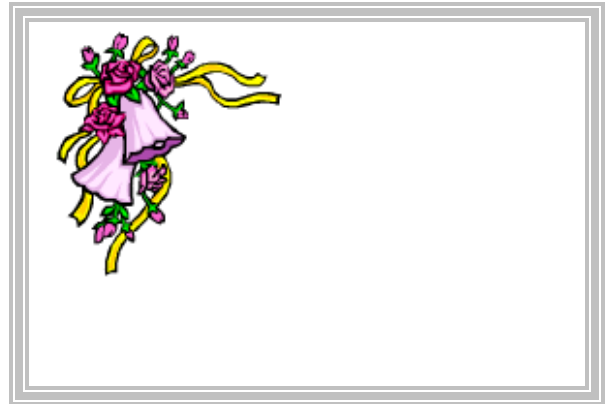
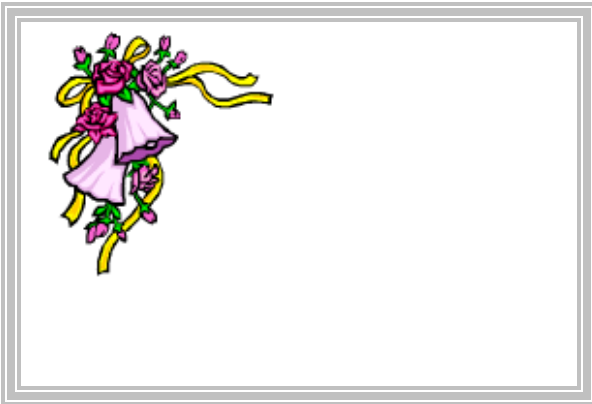
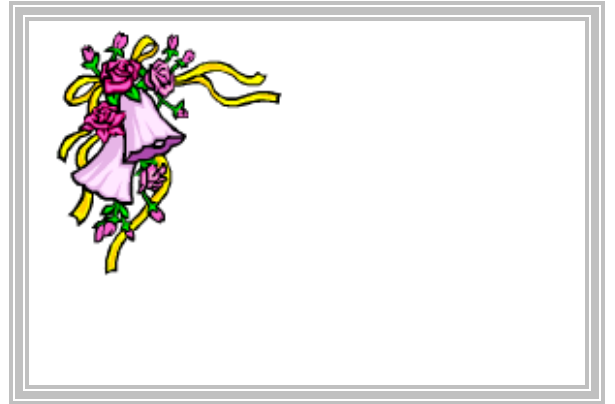
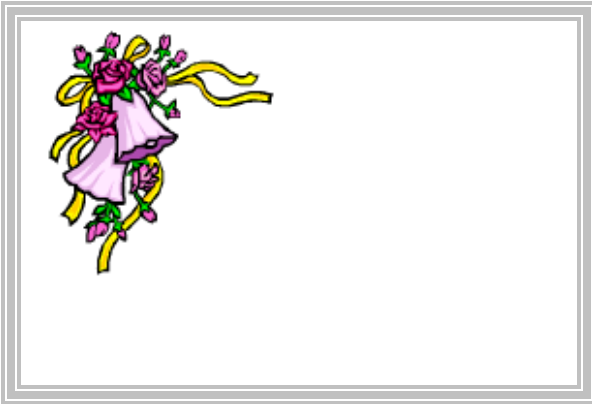
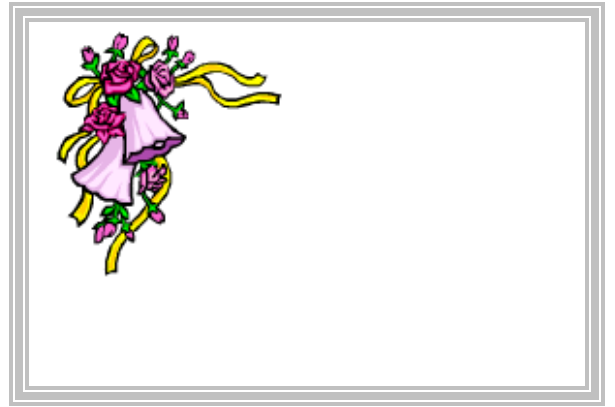
SCHEDULE:

- 15min. Worship
- 10 min. Welcome, opening remarks, review of the year, thanksgiving to God
- 5 min. Teacher appreciation
- 5 min. Gift to the president
- 5 min. Interpretive dance (Bridal Processional)
- 5 min. Slide presentation (Presentation of the PWOC Bride)
- 2 min. Scripture Reading (This year's scripture)
- 10 min. Outgoing President's Message
- 15 min. Installation Ceremony
- 5 min. Passing the Baton (Included in the installation ceremony)
- 5 min. Prayer for the new board
- 2 min. Scripture Reading (Next year's scripture)
- 5 min. Incoming President's Message
- 4 min. Go Light Your World

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Installation Ceremony (attached), slide show, teacher appreciation, presentation of a gift to the president, interpretive dance, candle lighting. For the slide show, ask your historian and someone who is computer savvy to help you put together a photo presentation of the past year. Include as many personal shots as possible. Play "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris as background music for this presentation. This song points out the beauty of the "Body of Christ" and it highlights His "Radiant Bride."

The interpretive dance can be done to "We Will Dance" by Andy Park. This is a great song to do down the aisle just as the bridal procession precedes the bride in a wedding.

After the installation ceremony and the incoming president's message, the new board takes their candles, and they begin to light the candles of all the ladies present. This is a great visual reminder of our ministry to one another and with one another in PWOC. The song "Go Light Your World" by Kathy Troccoli gives the challenge to take the gift of salvation God has given us and to go share it with the people in our sphere of influence.





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Protestant Women of the Chapel Installation Ceremony

Chaplain: Beloved Christians, we are gathered together today to install the newly appointed officers of the Protestant Women of the Chapel. By this service, we desire to extol the importance of the work of Christian women. The gifts, deeds and prayers of Christian women such as Anna, Tabitha and Lydia have furthered the cause of Christ throughout the history of His church. We are grateful for the vision and the faithfulness of Christian women who in the past have served gladly, holding forth Christ as the Light of the world.

This candle is symbolic of the light of Christ who is our inspiration and our guide. Will the outgoing officers please come forward?

(Outgoing board members come forward, light their candles, and stand on the right side of the “stage”)

Chaplain delivers the following charge to the outgoing board: Jesus told His followers, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of love.” He also said, “You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Our leaders serve as light to illuminate the way of walking with the Lord of light. Each of these ladies has carried well the light of leadership. Thank you for your faithful service as the leaders of the _____ PWOC. You have given much and received much. You have grown in strength and spiritual stature to meet responsibilities while keeping your eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. I now challenge you to search your lives for ways of putting to use the experience you have gained. As you pack up the memories of the last year, I pray that they will give you confidence to step out boldly to serve in your chapel or church and community and keep the flame of love and service burning.

Will the incoming board please come forward?

Listen to the Word of God. As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

“But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.”

Ephesians 4:1-7

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His presence, do you reaffirm your Christian faith and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God?

Incoming Officers: We do.

Chaplain: We now transfer the light of leadership to you.

(Incoming President), as President, you have been set apart by these women and by God to do what is in His plan. Will you use this opportunity to encourage and build Christ's church on earth, offering yourself as a living sacrifice to God, pleasing to Him, dedicated to His service, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and guidance, and will you faithfully and lovingly fulfill the duties of the President of the _____ PWOC? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming President): With the help of God, I will.

(Past president lights incoming president's candle, passes her the baton, and steps behind the altar.)

Chaplain: (Incoming VP), as 1st Vice-President, it is your responsibility to assist the president and act in her place whenever necessary as well as to plan and implement monthly programs. Will you promise to use your gifts in God's service, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming VP): With the help of God, I will.

(Past VP lights incoming VP's candle, passes her the baton, and steps behind the altar.)

Chaplain: (Incoming Spiritual Life 2nd VP), as 2nd Vice-President, you will be called upon to build a sound weekly Bible study program that will edify the body of Christ and ultimately increase His kingdom. You have been given the unique task of providing women with challenges and opportunities to grow spiritually. Will you promise to lay the foundation through prayer and council of the Holy Spirit? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming 2nd VP): With the help of God, I will.

(Past 2nd VP lights incoming VP's candle, passes her the baton, and steps behind the altar.)

Chaplain: (Incoming Secretary), as Secretary, it shall be your duty to record the plans and accomplishments of this chapter, enabling officers, committee chairpersons, and all participants to use their time, and talents effectively in the Lord's service. Will you accept this responsibility in a spirit of dedication and humility? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming Secretary): With the help of God, I will.

(Past secretary lights incoming secretary's candle, passes her the baton, and steps behind the altar.)

Chaplain: (Incoming Treasurer), as Treasurer, you will coordinate all monetary transactions according to the _____ Consolidated Chaplains' Fund and the needs of the _____ PWOC and, more importantly, encourage the Body of women to give wisely and cheerfully. Will you accept this responsibility and promise to perform this task according to God's will? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming Treasurer): With the help of God, I will.

(Past treasurer lights incoming treasurer's candle, passes her the baton, and steps behind the altar.)

Chaplain: Will the outgoing board please stand? You have responded to God's call for leadership and you have served Him well through your dedication and love for the ladies of PWOC. For this we are grateful. Will the incoming board please stand? We will now pass the mantle of leadership to the incoming board. Will each of you please come forward as I call your board position and name?

(At this time, the chaplain reads each board position and the names of the outgoing and incoming members. As he reads the position, the 2 ladies come forward, the outgoing lady passes the incoming lady her "baton" of leadership/encouragement, and steps behind the altar area. The new board stands in the forefront.)

Chaplain: You have responded to God's call to leadership with varied responsibilities. Ephesians 5:8-10 admonishes, "Now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Will you accept the mantle of leadership we offer you? If so, say, "With the help of God, I will."

Incoming Board: With the help of God, I will.

Chaplain: Will all the ladies here please stand? It is the responsibility of each of you PWOC members to see that your new board members are supported in the work of this chapter. The PWOC motto is, "We are workers together for Christ." You will be asked to perform many tasks which will contribute to the functioning of the whole body. As you share in this work, you will foster love and understanding within this fellowship. You will have a great influence on those around you. Will you promise to pray for the ladies on this board, to work together with them, and to be a reflection of Christ's love and devotion? If so reply, "With the help of God, I will."