

*Your Wedding*  
*at*  
*Trumbull Congregational Church*

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## Congratulations!

We share your joy and are pleased you have chosen to consecrate your wedding covenant here at Trumbull Congregational Church. It is our privilege to share this special occasion with you.

The act of giving oneself and receiving the faith and love of another in marriage is a significant occasion in your life. Marriage is a spiritual as well as legal act, intended to be a vehicle to express praise to God and celebrate the commitment of two persons to each other within the context of Christian faith.

Many who are married here have an ongoing relationship with the church, although this is not a requirement. The Pastor will officiate at the wedding of those who have no previous relationship to the church if, in the opinion of the Pastor, they have made their commitment to each other without reservation.

Since we believe that the church can be an important aid to the development and understanding of married life, we do encourage all couples to develop a church relationship. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to become a part of ours.

We will do all that we can to assist you as you plan for your day of celebration within the context of praise to God and personal commitment in love.

## The Wedding Service

The Pastor can provide wedding ceremonies for the couple to review, or they may choose to create portions of the ceremony, and finalize in consultation with the Pastor.

The basic flow of the service:

1. Ushers should be on duty 30 minutes before the ceremony.
2. The ushering of guests is as follows: bride's family and guests to the left of aisle; groom's family and guests to the right of aisle.
3. Music begins 15 minutes before the ceremony.
4. Lighting of candles shall be done 10-15 minutes before the ceremony.
5. At the hour announced, an usher escorts the groom's parents to the front row on the right side; then an usher escorts the bride's mother (and father, if he is not escorting the bride during the ceremony) to the front row on the left side.
6. Soloist, if any, may present a selection.
7. Processional (pictures may be taken at this time)
8. During the wedding ceremony professional photographs may be taken at the Pastor's discretion.
9. Recessional.
10. Ushers may return immediately for the mothers of bride and groom.
11. Guests will leave one row at a time (starting at the front).
12. Receiving line (optional).
13. Candles extinguished and Flowers removed by ushers.

### Reserving Use of Facilities

Inquiry should be made through the church office. It is generally understood that the hours must not conflict with the regular church services or other church activities.

**Weddings must be booked at least three (3) months in advance. The date and time will be reserved upon receipt of a completed Wedding Application (available from the church office) and a \$50 non-refundable deposit.**

### Pastor

The Pastor of this church will officiate at all weddings conducted in the Sanctuary. If you wish to have another clergy person participate in your wedding, approval must be obtained from the Trumbull Congregational Church's Pastor.

It is expected that you, as a couple, will meet at least four times with the Pastor for the purpose of preparing for the marriage before the wedding takes place.

### Rehearsal Arrangements

Rehearsal arrangements are made at the time the wedding is scheduled and should be timed for the benefit of the Pastor, the participants and the musicians. Generally rehearsals will take place Thursday or Friday preceding the wedding, but another time can be arranged. All members of the wedding party attend the rehearsal.

### License

Couples living in CT may obtain the wedding license from either Trumbull Town Hall *or* the town clerk of the bride and/or groom's residence. Out of state couples must get the license in Trumbull ([www.trumbull-ct.gov](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov)). It is required that the license be brought to the wedding rehearsal.

### Music

The church office will provide the name of the church organist / pianist who can be contacted for availability. Other vocal or instrumental soloists may participate. Choice of music and communication with musicians is the couple's responsibility and should be made as early as possible. In selecting friends to serve as soloists, please be certain that they are accustomed to singing or playing in a church setting.

### Decorations and Flowers

Our sanctuary is to be respected at all times and our symbols of worship are to be regarded as such. The couple selects their floral arrangements in consultation with their florist and Trumbull Congregational Church's Pastor. The placing of flowers and greenery in the sanctuary may be done the morning prior to the ceremony.

Candles on the communion table may be used for the wedding. Other candles, a Unity candle for example, can be provided by the couple. Candles may NOT be placed on the organ, piano, lectern or pulpit.

### Photographs and Video

At the Pastor's discretion, professional photographs may be taken during the ceremony. Otherwise, photographs can be taken during the processional, or staged in the sanctuary after the ceremony. Video is permitted only if cameras are placed in an inconspicuous place and remain there. Please have the camera operator see the Pastor about specific locations for camera placement. No extra lighting is allowed.



### Mobile Devices

During the ceremony, all mobile devices are to be turned off. If there is any need to answer a call, it can be taken outside the church.

### On the Day of the Wedding

As our space in the main sanctuary building is limited, members of the wedding party are to arrive at the church prepared for the occasion no later than 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on the church property. Smoking is not allowed in any of the church buildings. For ecological and safety reasons, neither throwing of rice or confetti, nor balloon releasing allowed.

Other extraordinary issues must be discussed with the Pastor prior to the rehearsal and will be at the sole discretion of the Pastor and the Diaconate.

### Fees:

Pastor's fee	\$ 300
Sanctuary fee	\$ 300
Church Musician's fee	\$ 200
Wedding Coordinator	\$ 75-150
Custodial fee	\$ 50
Total	\$ 925 - 1000

Upon receipt of your application form and \$50 deposit, the date agreed upon will be reserved for you. Please remember to bring all remaining fees as well as the wedding license no later than the rehearsal.