

Fees

\$250 for Minister (plus \$0.45/km travel for outside of Summerside)
\$400 for Sanctuary (approx. 4hr use)
\$30/ hr for audio technician (if necessary)

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required to reserve the sanctuary at time of booking. We would ask that all other fees be paid by the night of the rehearsal.

Music

It is the responsibility of the couple to make arrangements for any musicians that will be taking part in the ceremony. Ideally any recorded music that is to be used during the service may be played through a Bluetooth speaker, provided by the couple.

Church Property

The church sanctuary comfortably seats about 200 people in the pews. In decorating and celebrating your special day, we ask that you be respectful of both the church building and property. In light of this, we kindly ask that you refrain from throwing confetti, rice or other material on the property.

If, after reading this policy, you would like to talk further about having your wedding at Summerside Presbyterian, then please contact our church office:

Church Phone: 902-436-2557
Church Address: 130 Victoria Rd., Summerside, PE C1N 2G5
Church Email: summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com

We wish you God's richest blessings as you make your marriage preparations.

Summerside Presbyterian Weddings

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Christian Marriage

Weddings are always special occasions. However, here at Summerside Presbyterian they are even more than that – they are *sacred* occasions. By saying that, what we mean is that we believe Christian marriage is a union in Christ whereby two adult people – regardless of their gender or sexual orientation – become one in the sight of God, committing to love and support one another faithfully for life. In the love and commitment that two people share we see a reflection and manifestation of the love and commitment that God has for us.

For that reason, weddings at SPC typically happen within the context of a worship service which includes prayers and scriptures readings. Not only do we celebrate the love that exists between two people, we also celebrate God who is both the source and sustainer of that love.

It is because we see the wedding ceremony as a service of worship that the minister of Summerside Presbyterian will generally preside at all the weddings that take place within the church. However, if he or she is unavailable, they will work with you in an attempt to find another clergy to officiate. If you wish to have another officiant participate in the wedding ceremony, arrangements must first be discussed with the minister of SPC.

“Despite protestations that marriage is “just a piece of paper” or that getting married doesn’t change anything, something happens when two people stand in front of God and everybody and make promises. It makes a difference when a community gathers around those two people to say, by their very presence, that this bond matters and that they not only witness it but also uphold it with love and prayer.”
~ Kimberly Bracken Long

Arranging & Planning Your Wedding at SPC

If you would like more information about getting married within the Summerside Presbyterian community of faith, you are encouraged to contact the church office at (902) 436-2557. The church administrator will arrange for you to meet with the minister for an initial discussion after church on a Sunday morning. It is our hope that in being present for worship that morning, you will gain a sense of the style in which we worship.

From there, the minister will take your request to session, which is the governing body of the congregation. All weddings that take place here at Summerside Presbyterian Church are dependent upon the consent of the session and no booking can be confirmed until it has been approved by this group.

When approved by session, it will be necessary to meet with the minister at least two more times for the purpose of exploring some of the theological as well as the practical elements of what it means to be married. This will also give us an opportunity to plan what your wedding ceremony will look like.

In addition to these meetings, there will be a rehearsal which is generally held on the evening before the day of the wedding. All those participating in the service are strongly encouraged to be present for this rehearsal.

Typical Ceremony Outline

Wedding services at Summerside Presbyterian typically follow the order outlined below. However, because we want your special day to be uniquely meaningful to you, changes to the order can be discussed with the minister.

Processional

Opening Remarks

- to those gathered
- to the families
- to the couple

Opening Prayer

{Hymn and/or additional reading}

Scripture Reading

Message

Questions

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

Declaration of Marriage & Blessing

Kiss

{Lighting of a Candle}

Signing of the Registry *{special music?}*

Introduction of the Couple

Recessional