



WEDDINGS

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich





First-Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes any couple desiring to marry. It is a great joy for us to take part in your special day, and to help honor the profound and sacred commitment of marriage.

This booklet is designed to explain the procedures and guidelines for people being married at First Church.

We hope that the following pages will be of help to you in your planning. After reading, if you choose to be married at First Church, please contact the church office by calling (203)-637-1791 or email Wendy Spezzano (wendys@fccog.org)



MINISTER



One of the First Church ministers will lead the ceremony. The couple is responsible for arranging pre-wedding counseling sessions with the minister at least six weeks prior to the ceremony.

First Church ministers welcome same-sex couples, church members and non-church members who desire to marry.

Guest co-officiants are welcome to participate in the ceremony along with the First Church Pastor



MUSIC

Our Minister of Music will provide music for your ceremony. Once your wedding is booked and confirmed, he will reach out to you 2-3 months prior to the ceremony to schedule a meeting to discuss music choices.

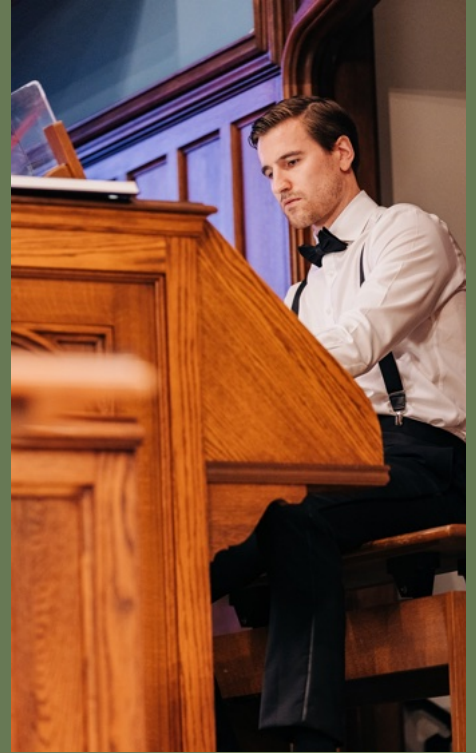


Vocal and instrumental soloists can be arranged with assistance from the Minister of Music.

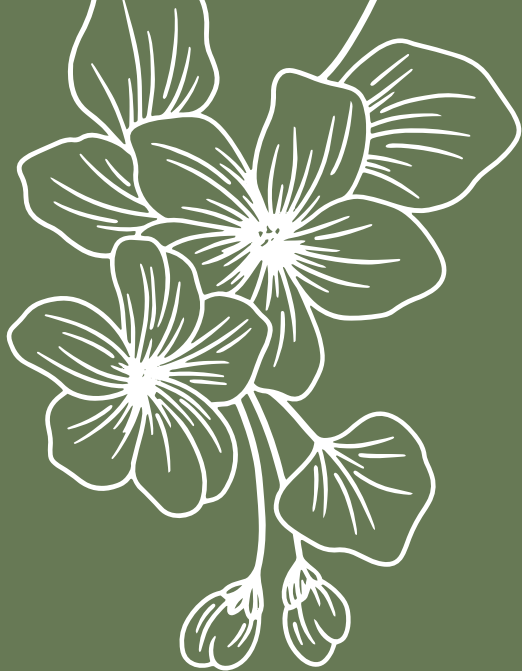
If you wish to have a friend or family member sing or play at the service, arrangements will be made with the Minister of Music when you make your music selections.

Chimes from the historic First Church Bell Tower can be played when the couple departs the Meetinghouse.

Arrangements for this can be made with the Minister of Music.



FACILITIES



MEETINGHOUSE

The historic First Church Meetinghouse provides a lovely setting for a wedding, seating up to approximately 350 persons, in a worship space with lots of history and adornment.



MEMORY GARDEN

Weather permitting, the Memory Garden is a lovely setting for an intimate wedding. Seating for around 100 persons is available in this space.



DRESSING ROOMS

The Lounge is available for the bride and her attendants. The groom and his attendants will be assigned Rick's Room.

Do not bring tuxedos, dresses, decorations, or any items to the church prior to the day of the wedding.



DECORATIONS



We are happy to provide you with the names of local decorators and/or florists who are familiar with the church. Should you choose to use a florist unfamiliar with our sanctuary, please advise them not to use adhesives to fasten floral arrangements to the church walls and row ends. Please notify the church well in advance if you wish to leave the flowers for the Sunday worship service.





Outside photographers are welcome at your ceremony.

To avoid obvious intrusion and distraction during the ceremony, inform your photographer that pictures are to be taken from the back of the church and sides of the church

PHOTOGRAPHY RECORDING LIVESTREAM



If you would like, feel free to capture your ceremony on film. For a fee we can livestream the ceremony to your friends and family. First Church is able to video record the wedding services that are held in the Meetinghouse.





ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude
Processional
Greeting
Opening Prayer
Readings
Pastoral Reflection
Music
Declaration of Intention
Marriage Vows
Exchange of Rings
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Benediction
Pronouncement of Marriage
Recessional

Ceremonies are typically 25-30 minutes





OFF-SITE WEDDINGS

If you wish to be married outside of First Church grounds, and would like one of First Church's Ministers to officiate your ceremony, please go through the process of reserving a wedding/officiant with the church.



“JUST US” VOW AND RING CEREMONY



An option for those wishing to renew their wedding vows or to have a simple and small wedding ceremony.

Attendees limited to the wedding couple, Minister and less than ten (10) guests. No processional or music.

Contact the church office for more details and fees.

FEEES

The fees for a wedding in our church are available from the church office. Separate checks, payable to the church or the appropriate person, should be mailed to the church in advance or brought to the wedding rehearsal.



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A photograph of a wedding couple standing in front of a church entrance. The bride is on the left, wearing a white strapless wedding dress and a floral headband, holding the train of her dress. The groom is on the right, wearing a dark suit and tie, leaning on a black metal railing. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The church entrance features a large, arched wooden door with ornate black metal hardware, set within a stone archway. The walls are made of rough-hewn stone. Green foliage is visible above the archway. A dark semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the church's name in white serif font. In the bottom right corner, a stone plaque is visible with the text 'FOUNDED 1665', 'ERECTED 1895'.

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