

First United Church, Truro, NS – Wedding Policy

711 Prince Street, Truro, NS, B2N 5C1

Thank you for your interest in celebrating your covenant of marriage at First United Church. We wish you many blessings as you prepare for your wedding. Marriage at First United is open to every couple: people of any gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity and economic status. We anticipate that by being married in the church and by a minister, you are acknowledging the sacredness of loving partnership.

Ministry Team

The Minister of Word, Sacrament, and Spiritual Formation at First United, Rev. Cathie Crooks, officiates weddings at the church. She will meet with couples to explore expectations and begin to plan the service. Please contact her directly to arrange this initial meeting. Rev. Cathie is available for consultation throughout your planning process. Should you wish to involve other clergy in your wedding service, please speak with her at your planning meeting.

The Minister of Music is Chris Bowman, a professional musician able to provide music on pipe organ and/or piano in a wide range of musical styles. Please contact him to discuss your musical preferences, if any. Additional musicians are welcome, but are required to consult with Chris on the use of church instruments. If you wish to have a soloist or guest musician to work collaboratively with Chris, advance discussions and rehearsal will be required (for an additional fee). Please note that recorded music cannot be utilized for numerous practical reasons.

Church Office

Please note, it is your responsibility to contact our office administrator, Tracy Boutilier, to ensure the availability of the church sanctuary at the date and time you desire. All weddings require the approval of First United's Worship, Music, and Concert Committee, as well as the Ministry Team.

Legal Requirements

For marriage in the province of Nova Scotia, you are required to complete a Marriage License and Registration Form. These documents are available at any Access Nova Scotia office. You will be asked to provide proof of your vital statistics, such as your marital status, and your parents' names and places of birth. The marriage license is valid for three months. Please deliver this license to the church office with your fee payments (below) at least two weeks before the wedding.

Wedding Rehearsal

A rehearsal is normally held for all weddings. All members of the wedding party are asked to be present. Please arrive on time. A rehearsal date and time will be scheduled when you meet with the presiding minister.

Flowers and Other Decorations

Flowers brought or delivered to the church one hour before the start of the wedding service. Candles may be used, but are not provided by the church – please use scent free candles. The throwing of confetti or rice inside or outside the church premises is not permitted – bubbles are a great substitute!

Photography and Videography

Your wedding is sacred. A single photographer is welcome to discreetly photograph or video the service, however guests are asked to use discretion until after the service is over. Please have your photographer speak to the minister for specific guidelines.

Honoraria and Fees

Minister of Word, Sacrament, and Spiritual Formation - \$350

Minister of Music - \$300 (extra rehearsals \$50 each)

Cleaning Fee - \$100

Sanctuary Rental Fee - \$200

Fees are negotiable based on circumstance

Contact Information

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