



# Weddings at St. Andrews

*The union of two persons in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity...*

A note from Rev. Sara Irwin:

Blessings, and congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

Marriage is a calling in which two come together as one, giving themselves to the other as an unconditional gift. As rings are exchanged, the two partners promise, “with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.” The Episcopal Church celebrates marriage equality and all are welcome to partake of the sacrament in our church.

*Blessings,  
Sara*

## CEREMONY OPTIONS



### If you would like for our clergy to officiate your ceremony:

One partner must be a baptized Christian (any denomination). Four pre-marital counseling sessions are required with the clergy or a licensed counselor. The ceremony will be based on Episcopal liturgical resources as found in the Book of Common Prayer and supplemental sources, with some ability to customize in collaboration with the pastor.



### If you have your own officiant:

The church may be rented out for the day. There are no religious or other requirements, beyond signing a building use contract for the time/s desired.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What if my partner and I are of different faiths? What if neither of us is Episcopalian?**

If you and your spouse to be are of different faiths, our pastor is happy to work together with your rabbi, imam, or other minister to craft a service that reflects each of your beliefs.

## **What should I expect for pre-marital counseling with clergy?**

In these meetings, we'll talk about the spirituality of commitment, making a life together, finances, and everything and anything that you might be concerned about.

## **We got married by a justice of the peace already. Can we still have a church wedding?**

Our prayer book has a distinct service for the blessing of a civil marriage, which might be appropriate in your case. It is very similar to the rite for marriage.

## **What if one of us was previously married?**

If you plan to be married by our clergy and one or both partners were previously married, an application must be submitted to the bishop at least two months in advance. This process may include additional counseling.

## **What about music?**

The parish organist may be available.

If you would like to have guest musicians, the music should be selected in consultation with your officiant and the organist for the day.

## **How will the church be decorated?**

Flowers may be provided by a florist you arrange with. The flowers may be left on the altar for Sunday services, as a thank-offering for the marriage or a memorial to a loved one. Of course, you can also take them to the reception.

The candles used on the altar are the candles ordinarily used for worship. Special pew candles may be arranged for an additional fee. If you would like to have other decorations, such as bows on the pews, these arrangements must first be cleared with the church. Nothing may be attached with wires or tape.

## **Can we have our reception at the church?**

Yes! Arrangements can be made with the parish office for additional fees. The event must conform to parish alcohol policy (available on request).



## Suggested Donation

The cost to use the church is \$750. Our standard rental period for wedding ceremonies is four hours day-of, and one hour for rehearsal the day prior.

*[For church members, the cost is \$250.]*

The cost for parish clergy to officiate and provide pre-marital counseling is an additional \$750.

*[For church members, there is no cost.]*

You are also welcome to join the church! Pastoral services are one of the perks of church attendance and membership. Please inquire for more information.

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A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due in advance to reserve the space.

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