



Marriage Information for Couples (Date of last review August 23, 2022)

Grosvenor Park United Church (GPUC) opens its sanctuary for all couples including couples who are diverse in sexual orientation and gender identities, previously divorced people, couples of different religions who are wishing a Christian marriage and who have availed themselves of appropriate pre-marriage preparation.

A Church wedding is two things: a legal ceremony and an act of worship. We pray for a sense of God's presence and ask a blessing on the couple being married. This religious element is essential if the wedding is to be in GPUC.

We are pleased that you are considering GPUC for your wedding. For those who use our facilities, our guidelines follow.

1. Checklist:

- Contact the Church Office to book the date. A reservation deposit fee of \$400.00 is required at the time of booking to reserve the space. This fee is refundable up to three (3) months prior to the wedding date if the wedding is cancelled.
- Arrange with the Minister to attend a Sunday Church service and to discuss the service afterwards.
- Consult with the Minister to discuss possibilities for Marriage Preparation
- A Marriage License is required and can be obtained from a jeweler or bridal boutique in Saskatchewan. You have up to three (3) months to sign the license.
- The Marriage Act* states that two (2) credible adult witnesses (18 years of age and over) must be present at the wedding to sign the Marriage Registration, and the Church Record.
- Flowers, candles and bulletins are the couple's responsibility. Decorating and using candles should be discussed with the Minister.
- Ushers should be on duty at the Church door at least three-quarters of an hour (45 minutes) before the time of the wedding to receive and seat guests.
- If you wish the Minister to attend the reception, please speak to them directly.
- The total cost of holding a wedding at GPUC is \$1250.00/\$1500.00. This includes the use of the sanctuary for four hours plus other fees as listed below. A reservation fee of \$400.00 is required at the time of booking to reserve the space. This fee is refundable up to three (3) months prior to the wedding date if the wedding is cancelled. A damage fee of \$100.00 is

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also required at the time of booking. If the space is left in an 'as found' condition, the fee will be returned. The balance is due one week in advance of the wedding.

Sanctuary	\$ 500.00
Minister	\$ 250.00
Music Director (or alternate)	\$ 200.00
Sound Technician	\$ 150.00
Custodian	\$ 75.00
Office Administrator	\$ 60.00
Administration Fee	\$ 15.00
Total:	\$1250.00

Refundable damage fee (see above) \$ 100.00

Optional additions:

Video + recording	\$ 200.00
Live-streaming	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$1500.00

2. The Church Service

The GPUC Minister will officiate at all marriage services. If they are away, the Worship Committee (WC) will arrange to have another Minister officiate. If you wish to have additional clergy, please discuss this with the GPUC Minister.

3. Music

The GPUC Director of Music (DM) is responsible for providing music for all weddings and must be contacted well in advance. If the DM is unavailable, they will find a competent substitute.

4. Sound System

Any use of the GPUC sanctuary media system (sound, visual) requires a GPUC trained and approved individual to operate. **If the sound technician is required to attend the rehearsal the request must be made through the minister. There is an additional cost for this attendance at the rehearsal.**

5. Photography

With the understanding that a wedding is a sacred event, please conduct your photography respectfully. Official photographers should speak to the Minister before the service.

6. Confetti, Smoking, Alcohol

Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed in or on Church property. If the couple or witnesses are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, by law, the wedding will be cancelled. Please advise your guests that confetti, rice and paper streamers are not to be thrown inside the Church or outside the building - our caretakers thank you in advance.

7. Additional Information:

Marriage Certificate

You can order a copy of your Marriage Certificate:

- by email: vitalstatistics@eHealthSask.ca
- telephone: 1-855-EHSLINK (1-855-347-5465)
- in person: 2130 11th Avenue, Regina

A NOTE TO ALL COUPLES

The decision to sanction the service for each couple is ultimately at the discretion of the Minister, after discussing the marriage policy of the Church.

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