

Weddings at



# Emmanuel United Church

Congratulations on your engagement. We hope that the following information offers some answers to your questions regarding wedding worship services at Emmanuel United Church.

## **First things first**

All couples planning to be married at Emmanuel should try to meet with the minister as soon as possible following your decision to be married.

This meeting will help you become familiar with the elements of a wedding service held in a church and the options you may want to consider. Your wedding may also be conducted elsewhere, by prior arrangement.

Where possible, we encourage you to visit Emmanuel United Church during Sunday worship. As Christians, we consider your wedding service to be set in the context of worship, and you are making your vows in the presence of family and friends and in the presence of God.

## **Some details**

At a meeting with the minister, you will receive a sample outline of a wedding service and a discussion of choices available to help you plan a wedding worship service that is both personal and meaningful.

There is parking for 80 cars.

The church has a wheelchair accessible entrance to the building and to a main floor washroom.

All couples, regardless of gender or sexual identity, are welcome to explore being married at Emmanuel United Church.

## **Decorations and Rehearsal**

Flowers and candles are the responsibility of the wedding couple. Please take care not to damage church pews or furnishings. Remember to ask someone to remove your items following the wedding, and do not use confetti in or around the church.

A designated photographer is useful. Any photographs taken by others should not disrupt the wedding service.

Use of the Fireside Room is included on the day of your wedding. There is also a large hall and kitchen available for rent. The hall is air conditioned, but the worship area where weddings take place is not.

A wedding rehearsal, if required, will usually take place a day or two prior to the wedding.

## **Before the Rehearsal**

You will need to secure a marriage license and bring it to the church at least one week prior to your wedding day.

Music is chosen in consultation with the musician and minister. Soloists or other musicians may also be part of your wedding service.

The approximate fee for having a wedding at Emmanuel United Church is \$1045; it covers the cost of cleaning services, use of building, musician, and minister, but not including the sound technician. When a fee for your wedding is determined, please submit a cheque payable to Emmanuel United Church. Payment is due before the rehearsal date.

Off site wedding fees are to be determined on an individual basis.