



## What you need to know about the church building

Our historic building (1911) is well-kept and wheel chair accessible for all of the upstairs, washroom and sanctuary. The lower hall and kitchen are accessible by stairs and may be rented separately for a small reception, if desired. The sanctuary seats 240 people and offers a Létourneau pipe organ with beautiful sound.

During a wedding ceremony in our church, the following are not allowed:

- Throwing of confetti or rice (indoors or outdoors)
- Moving of the furniture in the sanctuary
- No tacks on the pews (tape only)

St George & St Andrew United Church shall not be held responsible for lost, damaged, misplaced or stolen property of the client or guests of the client, and the client shall indemnify St George & St Andrew United Church from any liability with respect to any such occurrences.

## Our location

Established as Canada's first European settlement by Samuel de Champlain in 1605, the Annapolis Basin area is rich in history, arts and crafts, and blessed by beautiful natural surroundings. You can find us at the traffic lights in Annapolis Royal.

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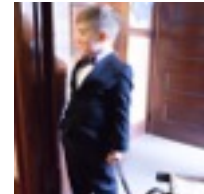
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ST GEORGE & ST ANDREW  
UNITED CHURCH  
Annapolis Royal, NS



**Getting  
Married  
Here**



**OPEN DOORS, OPEN MINDS,  
OPEN HEARTS**

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## Congratulations on your engagement!

Thank you for your interest in considering St George & St Andrew United Church to be part of your wedding. Your covenant of marriage joins you in a relationship so intimate that it profoundly affects your whole being. It offers you the promise of a love that is true and will mature over time.

Such love requires that you commit your lives to one another freely and without reserve, for the sake of a deeper and wider life together. Such a partnership can be a profound expression of the grace, passion, forgiveness and love that has its source in God. You become one in body; and throughout your married journey you will strive to become one in mind and heart.

Marriage is an ongoing commitment that should not be entered into lightly. We believe that marriage is a lifelong covenant between two people, made before God and celebrated in community. A marriage ceremony in the United Church is a joyful affair with a personal touch whether you celebrate out of doors or in the sanctuary. In any location we will celebrate with a service of worship where we will mention God, and will ask you to pronounce a lifelong commitment to one another. Within this, there is a lot of freedom for you, the couple, to shape the ceremony so it expresses your personalities and spirituality.

Our Session and the minister review every wedding request that comes before the church and reserve the right to approve or disapprove of a request. Should a request be denied (which rarely happens) we will make an effort to connect you with suitable resources and other possibilities.

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## Who can get married here?

At St George & St Andrew United Church, our faith calls us to open hearts, open minds and open doors. This is why we will gladly consider applications from all couples who can get legally married in the province of Nova Scotia. This includes but is, of course, not limited to:

- Couples with children from previous relationships
- Couples where one or both partners' previous marriages ended in divorce
- Same-sex couples
- Inter-faith couples

You do not have to be a member of our church in order to get married here.

## What is needed?

Written notice of your upcoming wedding, and a brief letter or e-mail answering these questions:

- What is the date, time, and intended location of your wedding ceremony?
- How did the two of you meet? Why have you chosen to become married?
- Why is St George & St Andrew important for your ceremony?
- Do you have a previous or ongoing connection to our church family?

We would like written notice at least three (3) months ahead of your wedding date. A minimum of three (3) meetings with the minister are required for preparation. We strongly recommend marriage preparation and will connect you with course materials.

Celebrants: The local minister officiates at all weddings. We realize that some of you may have deep attachments to other clergy. They can be part of your wedding by invitation of our minister.

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## How much will it cost?

The following fees have been set by the church for a wedding:

- General Operations Support Fee\* of \$250.00 (remains the same if the marriage is outside of the church building);
- Organist's Fee of \$185.00 (for rehearsal and ceremony). In the event that an organist other than the Church Organist is requested, the proposed organist shall require the approval of the Church Organist;
- Caretaker's Fee\* of \$50.00 (applicable to weddings in the sanctuary).

*\*We do not want to exclude anyone from having a church wedding. The minister may waive these fees for the service if such fees are a hardship for the couple being married.*

We ask that the applicable fees be paid a week ahead of the wedding date via the church office, with cheques presented in different envelopes. At the same time, the Marriage Licence should be handed in. At the very latest, payment and license are due during the mandatory rehearsal.

## We wish you a long, happy and prosperous life together!

We commit ourselves to upholding your commitment in our prayers.



Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings  
& The Session  
St George & St Andrew United Church