

Getting Married at Webster Gardens

Our Mission

Together, we will develop disciples of Jesus who:

Know and Enjoy God in Worship

Read and Reflect on Scripture

Serve and Share the Gospel.

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.” Mark 10:6-9

God’s intent is for married couples to remain together as husband and wife until death separates them. Marriage is the foundation for the human community and the building block for godly families. We, as a congregation, pray that as you enter into marriage, you will prayerfully ask God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be present in your individual lives as well as in your relationship as a couple.

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, Webster Gardens recognizes it has both the privilege and the responsibility to perform marriages that are God-pleasing and seek to glorify God and encourage one another. When a couple wishes to be married at Webster Gardens, we minister to them as fully as we can, and we offer these policies as guidelines for our ministry.

Because you are choosing to be married in the Christian Church, this means your wedding will be a worship service where the primary focus is on God. Couples wishing to be married at Webster Gardens should desire a married life that is Christian. So, if you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us for four (4) weeks before considering Webster Gardens as a place to have your wedding.

Timeline for Planning a Wedding at Webster Garden

1. Reserve the date and times for your rehearsal and wedding service by completing the [Request a Wedding Date](#) form online on our [website](#). The rehearsal is usually the afternoon or evening before the wedding, although exceptions are possible. Once the wedding is approved, you will be contacted by someone in the church office confirming the dates and times. If you are not a church member of Webster Gardens, you will be asked to submit a \$250 deposit in order to secure use of the church for your wedding.
2. A Webster Gardens Wedding Site Coordinator will contact the bride and groom **three to four months** before the wedding to schedule a meeting.
3. Complete and submit the [Wedding Information Form](#) online on our [website](#) at least one week prior to your meeting with your wedding site coordinator.

4. Apply for a marriage license no more than 30 days prior to the wedding and bring to the wedding rehearsal. (By law, the Pastor is not permitted to officiate at a wedding without the license in his possession.)

Guidelines and Information for a Wedding at Webster Gardens

1. Once rehearsal and wedding dates have been set with the church office, all remaining wedding arrangements are made between the Wedding Site Coordinator and the couple.
2. Saturday weddings may be scheduled no later than 7 pm.
3. The Sanctuary seats approximately 400 people in the lower level and 180 in the balcony.
4. Holy Communion is not part of the wedding ceremony.
5. The rehearsal will last 45 minutes to one hour. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for everyone to assemble. The rehearsal will begin promptly at the scheduled time and will be conducted by the site coordinator. The purpose of the rehearsal is to acquaint the bridal party with their roles in the marriage service, so anyone who will participate in the wedding should be there (bride, groom, parents, bridal attendants, groomsmen, ushers, readers, etc.). Practice for the soloist(s) should be scheduled prior to the start of the rehearsal.
6. All wedding fees must be paid to the site coordinator at the time of the rehearsal.
7. The church is reserved for your use up to **4 hours total**. All deliveries and pictures, etc. need to be completed within this time frame.
8. All food and drink should remain in the Bride's and Groom's respective rooms. **No food or beverages are permitted in the sanctuary.**
9. **Smoking, consumption of alcohol and use of illegal drugs are NOT allowed anywhere on church property, including the parking lot.** Please inform your family and friends to abstain from any drinking prior to the wedding rehearsal and ceremony. While we understand weddings are a time for celebration, they are also a time of worship. Therefore, the pastors and site coordinator will dismiss anyone who appears intoxicated including members of the wedding party.
10. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES** in the changing rooms or restrooms during the marriage service. Pack them up and keep them in the locked trunk of your car or arrange to have the rooms locked by the wedding site coordinator during the wedding. Assign someone to be in charge of valuables or personal items at all times. The church is not liable for loss of possessions left in the building on the day of the wedding.
11. A guest book, board, etc. may be placed in the narthex for guests to sign as they enter the church. Five minutes before the service, the book will be closed so that your wedding begins on time. Late arrivals may sign the guest book after the service or at the reception.
12. We suggest that you bring as much as possible for the wedding day the night of the rehearsal, i.e., bulletins, candles, decorations, etc. We can lock them up so that there is less for you to do the day of the wedding.