

GETTING MARRIED AT GRACE POINT WEDDING INFORMATION



The decision to get married is one of the most exciting and important decisions you will ever make! Choosing a Christian wedding is an important decision as getting married by a pastor is different than a marriage commissioner in a civil ceremony. A Christian wedding ceremony is a worship service and a symbolic reminder that the vows you are making to one another are also being made to and before God.

It makes sense then, that those who believe in God and want to follow His principles should be married by a pastor in a service that acknowledges Him. One of our pastors would be glad to meet with you as you make plans for your wedding ceremony and consider the significance of a Christian marriage.

NEXT STEPS IN REQUESTING A WEDDING AT GRACE POINT:

1. Contact the office administrator (office@gracepointchurch.ca) to arrange an appointment with a pastor. At your initial meeting, they will explain what's involved in getting married at Grace Point and whether a church wedding is right for you.
2. Pre-marital counselling and regularly participation in our Grace Point Church family (for a minimum of 6 months) are requirements for those being married at Grace Point. Pre-marital counselling may be done by the officiating pastor, by another pastor, or by a licensed psychologist. Pre-marital counselling through Grace Point typically involved 5-6 sessions which include marriage preparation assignments.
3. Set a tentative wedding day to book your rehearsal and wedding. The officiating pastor will confirm availability of both facility and staffing before finalizing the date.
4. The pastor can provide assistance in planning the service but details such as decorating and music are the responsibility of the bridal couple.
5. Weddings will be officiated by one of the pastors on staff at Grace Point. If another pastor is requested, approval will be required by the pastoral team.
6. The couple is required to obtain a marriage license and give it to the officiating pastor at least one week before the wedding.
7. There is a minimal fee for the use of the auditorium or chapel for the wedding ceremony. The majority of the cost is for personnel (ex. Site hosts, a/v technicians, custodial) based on the current rental rate facility grid. Pastors are typically paid an honorarium for services. The suggested honorarium for pre-marital counselling and rehearsal/wedding is \$500 and \$350 for the rehearsal/wedding only.