

Weddings

at CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK



Congratulations!

We are delighted that you are interested in being married at Christ Church Cranbrook, and rejoice with you as you begin your planning and preparation for marriage. Please use the following pages to guide your preparations and to learn more about weddings in this beautiful church.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

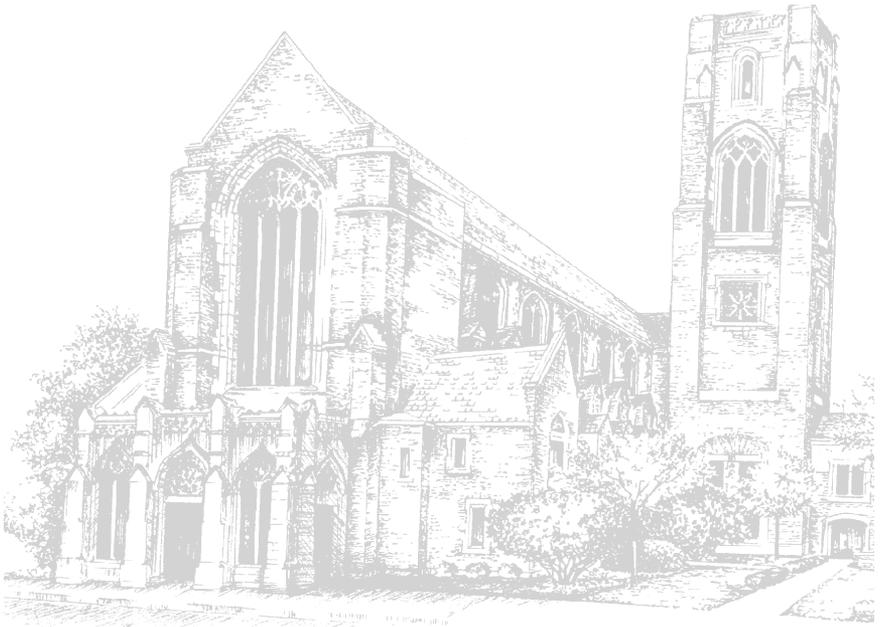


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A Christian Marriage



The Book of Common Prayer calls Christian marriage a “solemn and public covenant between committed adults in the presence of God.” The purpose of marriage is for mutual joy, help and comfort given to one another and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

The covenant relationship is to mirror the same kind of loyal, unswerving and faithful love which God has for His people, as revealed through Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christian marriage is an exclusive and permanent relationship modeled after Christ’s total self-giving to us.

By being married in the Church, you are making a “faith statement.” You will be stating that you desire to pledge yourselves to each other in marriage before God and in the presence of God’s people. On your wedding day, you will stand before the altar and commit yourselves to each other for the rest of your lives, stating your intention to live your married life within the community of the Church. You will be asking a priest to bless your commitment and asking the congregation to uphold you in prayer.

At the marriage service you will also be inviting Jesus’ life and love to be at the center of your marriage. Your wedding day will mark the beginning of a Christian marriage, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace and love alone will sustain you in your life together.

About the Venue



Founded by God and consecrated on September 29, 1928, the Church was constructed through a remarkably generous donation by George and Ellen Booth. The church became a freestanding congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in 1973.

Our church is well-known for its incredible beauty. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, the church is rich in architectural detail and full of historic paintings, tapestries, and other appointments by world-renowned artists and craftsmen.

SEATING CAPACITY

Sanctuary: 408

St. Paul's Chapel: 48

St. Dunstan's Chapel: 60

SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING AT CCC

Weddings are usually scheduled on Saturdays between 11:00 AM and at 4 PM and 7 PM, and take approximately 30 minutes – an hour, dependent on the inclusion of Holy Communion. The date and time of the wedding and rehearsal are finalized by the officiating priest in consultation with the Executive Assistant to the Rector.

Getting Started



MAKING A RESERVATION

You and your family do not have to be members to be married by a priest at CCC, however there is a difference in fees. **To begin the reservation process, please fill out and submit the following online form: rsvppcc.org/weddings. A refundable deposit of \$500 is needed to secure your requested date.**

DAY-OF VENUE AVAILABILITY

Along with reserving the church, we will hold the Library, Parlor and the Guild Hall for the wedding party. Spouses-to-be can use the Library and the Parlor to wait before the wedding.

OFFICIATING CLERGY

One of our clergy will officiate at the rehearsal and wedding ceremony. You will receive information about your officiating clergy after you reserve the church. Episcopal clergy from outside the parish, or clergy from other denominations can only assist at the invitation of the Rector. If you would like a guest minister to participate, please consult with the officiating priest.

Preparing for your Ceremony



WEDDING COORDINATOR

Once your wedding date has been approved by the clergy, one of our experienced Wedding Coordinators will contact you to help with the logistics of your wedding service, and will serve as your point of contact throughout the process. Please note: you may have your own Wedding Coordinator for your special day, but CCC requires the use of our Wedding Coordinators for the worship service.

PREMARITAL PREPARATION

As part of your preparation for marriage, you will meet with one of our clergy at least three times before your wedding. This gives you and your partner the chance to get to know your officiating priest, to explore your relationship, and to reflect together on the gifts and challenges that marriage offers.

BULLETINS

We will provide you with bulletins for the wedding service. You may discuss your Orders of Service with your officiating priest.

Your Wedding Service



ORDER OF SERVICE

The wedding service follows one of the rites for marriage approved by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

READINGS

At least one reading used during the service must be from Holy Scripture; any additional readings must be approved by clergy.

MUSIC

Couples must consult with the Director of Music three months prior to the wedding for planning and all music selection approval. Requests to incorporate secular pieces of music must be submitted to the officiating priest for review and approval.

The Director of Music or a designated substitute will serve as the organist and music coordinator for your service. The services of professionally trained musicians are contracted. Guest soloists are welcome to participate in the service pending approval by the Director of Music.

There is a 50-bell carillon located in the tower of the church, and is usually available to be rung before and after the service.

Church & State Requirements



APPROVAL FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Please note that by Church (canon) law, application for marriage must be made to the officiant at least three months in advance to give adequate time for premarital preparation.

People who have been divorced may be remarried in the Episcopal Church with approval from the Bishop. This process requires additional time and will be discussed in your consultation with the clergy.

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE

A Michigan marriage license should be obtained by the couple from your local county clerk's office. Please bring your marriage license and your church fees payment to the Executive Assistant to the Rector the Monday before your wedding date.

Decorations & Details



PRE-CEREMONY GATHERING SPACES

We are pleased to offer two picturesque spaces where the wedding party may gather before the service. The Library offers the most space, but please note that no food or beverages are permitted in the Library. A smaller space is available in the Vesting Room and the Parlor

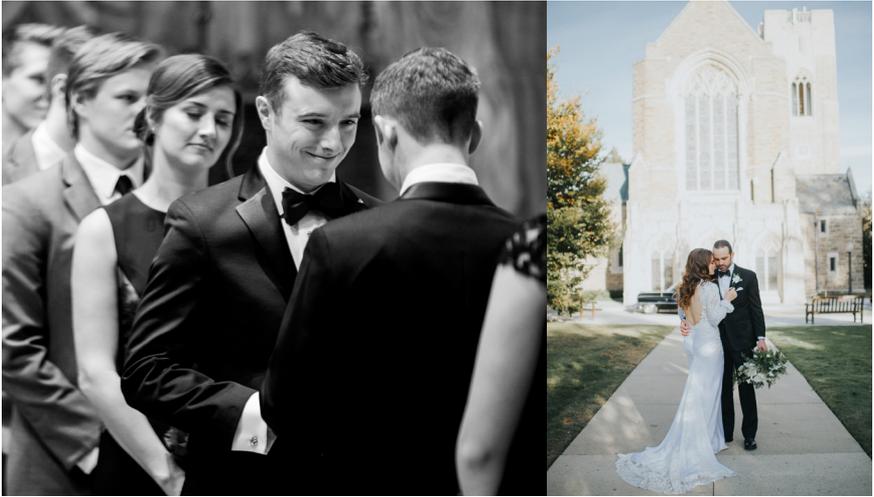
ALTAR FLOWERS

Two flower arrangements created by Tiffany Florist are placed on the High Altar. Your Wedding Coordinator will work with you on colors. Flowers remain on the altar for weekend services.

ADDITIONAL DECORATION POLICIES

Pew decorations and runners are not permitted. Candles are provided by the Church and used on the altar and two candelabras on the altar steps. Smoking and the throwing of rice, confetti, birdseed, rose petals or glitter is not permitted anywhere in the church or on church grounds.

Photography/ Videography Policies



Please submit your photographer's and videographer's information to the Executive Assistant to the Rector two months prior to your wedding. These are guidelines we require of all of those taking pictures or videos of this sacred ceremony. Please work with your Wedding Coordinator to obtain policies and procedures.



Again, we rejoice that God is bringing the two of you together. We are honored to walk with you, and make this time of marriage one of the most beautiful and sacred in your lives.



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