

Weddings at The Scarsdale Congregational Church

A wedding ceremony is a celebration of great joy. It is also a solemn occasion of great depth and seriousness. Above all, a wedding ceremony conducted in the Sanctuary or in Eastman Chapel is a service of worship. Please contact the church office for further information on planning your wedding at sccoffice@verizon.net or 914-723-2111 x202.

Facilities:

For the service: Our sanctuary seats approximately 300 for weddings, and has an excellent pipe organ and Steinway grand piano. Eastman Chapel seats approximately 35 people and has a piano for more intimate services.

Reception Facilities: If desired, couples may arrange for a reception after the ceremony. Dyckman Hall, in our Parish House, can accommodate 300 standing and 160 seated. The more formal Boynton Room can accommodate 60 people standing and 40 seated. Our outdoor Memory Garden is also available for small outdoor gatherings.

The Church does not provide or arrange for catering services, but the Parish House has a large institutional kitchen for caterers to use for preparing and serving meals. There is also a small kitchenette off the Boynton Room.

Clergy: Ministers affiliated with The Scarsdale Congregational Church may, at their sole discretion, perform weddings at our church. Our Church sanctuary is not available for any services performed by clergy not affiliated with the church, except with the permission and participation of the SCC Senior Minister.

Music: Our Music Director and Organist traditionally plays at wedding services. The use of the organ by another musician for a wedding service is at the sole discretion of the church organist, who must approve of anyone who is to play the instrument. Couples are also free to arrange for any other musical accompaniment that is acceptable to the presiding minister. The organist can assist in arranging other musical accompaniment.

Fees: Please contact the church office (sccoffice@verizon.net) for our wedding fee schedule.

General Policies:

- Photography or filming is permitted only from designated areas, to be defined by the presiding minister. If camera operators do not cooperate with these requirements, the service will not begin. **Ushers should inform guests of this policy.** (Restaging of the ceremony after the service, for purposes of taking photos or video, is perfectly acceptable).
- **Guests should also be informed that cell phones must be turned off.**

- No smoking is allowed anywhere on the church property. Gum and alcohol are also prohibited in the sanctuary.
- A floral arrangement for the center table is desirable and recommended. Additional floral arrangements, if desired, should not interfere with the movement of the wedding party, and are best kept to a minimum. Please coordinate floral deliveries with the church office.
- Ribbons or other decorations may not be affixed to the pews, or any other part of the building, with any kind of tape, tacks, or other defacing materials. Rubber bands, ribbons, or string may be used.
- Showering the bride and groom with birdseed is permitted outside Church buildings. Confetti or rice may not be used due to the difficulty of cleaning. The release of balloons is prohibited for environmental reasons.
- The marriage license should be brought to the rehearsal (or left with the minister at the Church Office) prior to the wedding.
- In the event of a large wedding, it is recommended that arrangements be made with the Scarsdale Police (914-722-1200) to have an officer assigned to assist guests crossing Heathcote Road between the parking lot and the Sanctuary.