



Wedding Information

Garden City Community Church
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Congratulations: if you are reading this, you are about to embark on a wonderful adventure with your soulmate! The clergy and staff of the Garden City Community Church, a Protestant Church in the United Church of Christ, are delighted to share this special day with you.

"Walk in love, as Christ has loved us."

Ephesians 5:1

The Christian tradition affirms marriage as a holy covenant between committed couples. The worship service is a joyful and beautiful expression of your love and faith. Below is some information that will help you plan your ceremony.

Who can get married at our church? The GCCC is an open and affirming church. We welcome all people who wish to get married in our Chapel or Sanctuary. Members do have priority, and everyone is required to engage in wedding preparation.. Off-site weddings are performed at the discretion of the minister.

Church Capacity: We can accommodate up to 300 guests in the Sanctuary or 80 in the Chapel. There is wheelchair access via a ramp at the rear of the building.

Scheduling: Contact the church office at churchoffice@thegccc.org or (516) 746-1700. If your date is available on the church calendar, you will reach out to the GCCC's Senior Pastor at revarlen@thegccc.org. Together you will schedule pre-wedding preparation and design your wedding service.

Ceremony Specifics: Our GCCC Senior Pastor serves as the presiding officiant. A person of your choice may assist, should you and the Pastor agree. Our GCCC Minister of Music has the right of first refusal. They are happy to help you select the music for your wedding and help with soloists or additional instrumentalists. All details need to be worked out at least **eight weeks before** your wedding date.

Wedding Coordinator: While a wedding coordinator is not necessary at our ceremonies, if you have contracted one, please provide us with their contact information and have them get in touch GCCC's Senior Pastor at revarlen@thegccc.org.

Photographers and Videographers: In order to preserve the dignity of the wedding ceremony as a sacred service of worship, we have set regulations that must be followed (see wedding contract). Once on site, photographers and videographers must check in with our wedding sexton and presiding minister.

Flowers/Decorations: Please make your own arrangements with the florist of your choice and have them contact us regarding set up times and details.

Candlelight: If you desire a candlelit ceremony, our pews can be fitted with tall candlesticks. We do not recommend this in the summer months when the AC is on.

Please do not hesitate to contact the church office by phone (516) 746-1700 or email (churchoffice@thegccc.org).

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