WEDDING CEREMONY PLANNER



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NORVAL UNITED CHURCH IS AN INCLUSIVE AND 2SLGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH

At Norval United Church we are happy to perform wedding ceremonies for anyone and everyone seeking to make such a commitment.

Our STATEMENT OF INCLUSION affirms our position and is available on our <u>website</u>.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING WEDDING

We want to help you create a wedding ceremony that will be memorable and meaningful. The wedding service is a religious ceremony performed before family and friends and in the sight of God. Vows are made, prayers are offered and blessings are given. Your wedding marks the creation of a unique relationship and you will leave the ceremony different than when you entered it. We hope that your wedding will be remembered as a special day for years to come.

TYPICAL WEDDING OUTLINE

This is a flexible outline that we can adapt for your wedding ceremony.

Musical Prelude
Processional
Greeting & Welcome
Words to the Couple
Prayer & Readings
Exchange of Wedding Vows
Exchange of Rings
Pronouncement
Blessing
Signing of the Register
Presentation of the Newlyweds
Recessional

WEDDING LICENSE

You must get your own wedding license from a municipal office in Ontario. One or both parties are able to apply starting at three months before your wedding. Please bring the license to the church at least one month before your wedding ceremony.

After the ceremony the minister will give you a copy of the Marriage Certificate and then they will send the rest to the Province. In 8 weeks you may apply for an official copy of the marriage certificate.

MUSIC

You can choose whether or not to have music during the ceremony.

When couples choose to have music it is usually playing as the guests arrive. There is special music chosen for the entrance of the Bridal Party and the Bride.

There are also opportunities for music during the Signing of the Register and after the introduction of the newlyweds. Some hire live musicians, others use their own playlist or a DJ.

WEDDING FEES

*no deposit is required. Payment of fees is cash or cheque made at the rehearsal.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Having photographs of your wedding day is very important to many couples. When the ceremony is outside we have no restrictions on photographers or videographers other than that we request they maintain a sense of decorum as they fulfill their duties. It is your day, not theirs! We want you to shine, not them! If the ceremony is inside, couples often have the minister request that there be no flash photography. This can be discussed when you meet to plan your ceremony.

REHEARSAL

A wedding rehearsal is not a requirement. If you have a rehearsal you will need to confirm space and time at your venue and with the minister. There is no extra fee.