# **Costs & Booking**

#### **Basic Fees**

Staff Costs (Minister or Officiant, Organist, and Church Officer): \$700

Building Fees: \$400

#### Extra Fees

If you interested in having a soloist or other musician, please speak to our organist for extra fees.

A Stand Up Reception is available for an additional \$150.

If you are interested in booking a Dinner Reception, please contact the Church Office for more information.

### **Booking a Wedding**

Please contact the minister or office administrator or rentals manager to determine availability.

We will book your wedding after a first meeting with the minister and a \$250 deposit to the church is paid.

Please pay the remaining fees when you bring in your marriage license two weeks prior to the wedding.

If you find these fees prohibitive, please speak to the minister about whether other arrangements are possible.

## **Additional Information**

#### **Parking**

The church does not have a parking lot, but there is free street parking on McCrae Dr. in front of the church and the park opposite.

#### **Accessibility**

There is a lift that allows access to the sanctuary, which can be reached from the ramp entrance. A drive off Millwood Rd. has one wheelchair parking space and can be used as a temporary drop-off point. Hearing assistance devices are available.

#### Use bubbles, not confetti

Please help us be environmentally responsible by not throwing confetti or rice.

### Advance access to the building

If you would like bring flowers or decorations to the building more than an hour ahead of the wedding, please speak to the minister in advance about whether this is possible.

#### **Weddings Off-site**

Our minister can sometimes perform a wedding at another location, with a fee that reflects the additional travel time. Please speak to the minister about this possibility.

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# Weddings

#### Contact Information:

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#### Alison Jane, Office Administrator

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## You Are Welcome Here

#### Weddings, Joy, and Sacred Love

Weddings are a joyful occasion. We strive to help you put this joy inside the context of a community that celebrates joy at its divine source. Love and relationships are built on a strong belief in an underground stream of divine love and joy.

#### **Weddings and Welcome**

Leaside United Church is committed to creating a safe and welcoming space for all people. As an Affirming Congregation, we strive to serve not just our congregation but our larger community and city. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, as well as all other forms of diversity, including differing ability, interfaith relationships, and many others!

If you are coming from the LGTBQ+ community, you are welcome here. Regardless of your traditions, family background, and cultural background, you are welcome here. If you are in a relationship with different religious practices (or without religious practices), you are welcome here.

# Weddings and Marriages

#### The Wedding

We expect that our minister and organist will perform the wedding unless there are exceptional circumstances. Details of the service will be decided on through shared discussion. While we are a Christian church community, we are open and affirming of who you are and will work together to find language and traditions that are meaningful for you and convey the larger joy of this expression of divine love.

#### The Marriage

Although weddings themselves are an occasion of joy, we think the work of a marriage is even more important. We expect that you will take part in a marriage preparation course, counseling, or another form of intentional marriage preparation. During your first meeting with our minister, you will be able to talk through possibilities for this important part of preparation for your marriage.



### **Details**

### Our fees include the following:

#### In advance

- Meetings with the minister or officiant, office administrator, and organist to arrange the details of the wedding service, reception space (if applicable), and fees
- A rehearsal a day or two before the wedding

#### On the day of the wedding

- Minister or officiant, and organist
- Church officer who opens and closes the building, assists with details, and operates the lift
- The Sanctuary, including an hour before and after the wedding
- A preparation room
- Permission to take photos inside or outside the building before and after the wedding

#### Extras (additional fees):

- Space can be reserved for a smaller or larger reception (please speak to our office administrator)
- Soloists or other musicians (please speak to our organist)

Please note that we do not provide or arrange flowers, candles, bows, or other decorations, but you are welcome to bring your own.