

Let forever begin at “The Kirk”

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a beautiful, historic and sacred setting for your special day. Celebrate your wedding ceremony surrounded by light filtered through our colourful stained glass and surrounded by melodies played on our gorgeous Casavant Freres organ. Our “Kirk” is the perfect place to pledge each other your eternal love and begin your own personal “happily ever after.” The Kirk can comfortably hold up to 250 guests, and has been known to hold 400 individuals on special occasions. Information on planning a wedding at St. James Presbyterian Church follows.



Marriage Policy

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! Christian marriage bears witness to the love and will of God for the whole of creation and for the social order. The marriage liturgy attempts to express, through words and actions, the church's understanding of Christian marriage. The covenant made between a couple in marriage is private, but it is also a public covenant made before God and witnesses. It is a covenant made for the good of the natural and social order. It is a relationship rooted in faithfulness. In the marriage service, we are reminded of the faithful God who entered into a covenant with a beloved people. As we celebrate, we are given a glimpse of the kingdom of God. The worship of God is the appropriate context for a service which unites Christians in marriage.

In accordance with the policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Session of Saint James Presbyterian Church has determined that for our congregation, marriage is a covenant between two people and, subject to this policy, is pleased to be a part of weddings on that basis.



Any couple wishing to have another Minister perform all or part of the service must make arrangements with the Minister prior to approaching the Kirk Session. The Kirk's Minister, the Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton, need not officiate at the wedding, but if she is not doing so, another ordained Minister from a Christian denomination must be the officiant. A PEI Marriage Commissioner is not an ordained Minister. If you wish to have a Marriage Commissioner officiate at the wedding service, they must be assisted by an ordained Minister.

If you wish to be married at the Kirk, please send a letter of request to the Kirk Session for approval, addressed to the Clerk of Session, Shauna Sullivan Curley and emailed to kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com. This letter should include the full names of the couple, the date they wish to have the ceremony, the spaces they wish to use at the Kirk, information about the intended officiant(s), and information about whether they wish to have the Kirk organist perform during the ceremony. It would be helpful to also know if the couple has a personal connection to the Kirk, or the reason why they want to begin their life together at the Kirk.

Organist/Music: If you wish to have our Organist, Frances McBurnie, play at your wedding then you are responsible for booking her. She can be contacted at mcburnie@gmail.com. The inclusion of soloists, and all musical selections, must also be approved by the Organist.

Use of Premises: The Kirk's Upper Hall and Lower Hall are both available for wedding use, subject to availability, and should be requested in advance. The use of the Lower Kitchen is subject to advance approval by the Church. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. The use of confetti, rice, or other thrown material is prohibited on the Church property. All candles must be placed at table height or higher, with glass enclosure, with the exclusion of a Unity Candle.

Payment Schedule

All fees are payable directly to St. James Presbyterian Church with exception of the Minister and Organist who are to be paid individually. All fees (Rental, Minister, Organist, etc.) are to be paid two weeks prior to the event.

Payment to Minister: \$150.00 (Payable directly to the Minister, Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton)

Payment of Organist: \$150.00 (Payable directly to the Organist, Frances McBurnie)

Rental of the building: \$325.00 – Sanctuary Rental, Sound Person, 1 Hour Custodial Services

\$250.00 - Upper Hall Rental, 1 Hour Custodial Services

\$250.00 - Lower Hall Rental, 1 Hour Custodial Services

Damage Deposit: \$300.00 required if no Halls are rented. Includes additional site visits (\$50/visit) and \$50/hour after the initial hour, additional cleaning fees over fees included in Sanctuary rental.

\$500.00 required if renting any of the Church Halls.

Damage deposit to be returned if no damage is done or no extra custodial work is required.

If you have any questions, please call Amy Holloway or Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at the Church Office at 902-892-2839 (Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) or email: kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com.



Wedding photos courtesy of the Robinson-Bartley-Crossleys, taken by photographer Dustin Hall, June 11, 2017.

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