FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF LA GRANGE

WEDDING PACKET

www.fcclg.org
(708) 352-0800

CEREMONY

We welcome all. Gay and straight, young and old... No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at FCCLG.

Our goal is to help make your day special. Our pastoral staff will work with you to personalize your ceremony, or you may invite your own officiant.

A wedding is a religious ceremony. Traditionally in the Christian faith, the service of marriage has called attention to the fact that it is a sacred occasion when a couple covenants to spend the remainder of their lives together, and when they vow publicly to love and cherish each other for as long as both shall live. It is, therefore, fitting that marriage be solemnized in the setting of a church and by an authorized representative of the Christian faith.

OPTIONS

Chapel of the Beattitudes

Seats up to 75

Beautiful stained glass and pipe organ

Includes bridal dressing room and private family sitting room.

The 1906 Gothic Sanctuary

Seats up to 325

Offers traditional long aisle, vaulted ceiling, and perfect acoustics for your musical ensemble or pipe organ.

Includes bridal dressing room, private family sitting room, and a lower level casual room for changing.

The historic Founders' Room

Seats 120

Offers a relaxed, flexible space with vaulted ceiling and stained glass.

Includes bridal dressing room and private family sitting room.

THE SPECIFICS

Officiant

You will decide if you would like the First Congregational Church to officiate your wedding, or if you are going to use another minister of your choosing. It is not required to have an officiating minister from our church.

Music

If you want the organ to be played at your wedding ceremony, it is the policy of First Congregational Church that the church's organist plays the organ. Should you desire a vocalist or solo instrumentalist at your wedding, our organist can secure these for you, or you can hire your own.

Host

A wedding host from the church will be present at the rehearsal and wedding to coordinate the event and be of assistance to the wedding party. The host will give particular care to the couple, attendants, and the immediate families, provide security for valuables, coordinate flowers, facilitate the processional and handle emergencies.

Photography

We respect your desire to obtain a remembrance of this most important day. We ask that no flash photography be used during the actual service. Photographs are not to exceed one hour past the wedding ceremony.

Flowers

If you would like to drop flower petals down the aisle, we ask that you use artificial petals. If your wedding is on a Saturday, you may leave the altar flowers for use in our Sunday worship,

Rehearsal

Unless you are planning a small wedding that will be attended only by your immediate family, a rehearsal should be scheduled for a day or two preceding the actual ceremony. The rehearsal itself will last approximately 45 minutes.

CHURCH POLICIES

Because marriage is a civil matter as well as a spiritual one, a marriage license from the State of Illinois, County of Cook, must be secured and presented to the officiating minister before a ceremony can be performed. It is suggested that you bring the license to the officiating minister as soon as you have obtained it so you need not worry about it in the busy hours immediately preceding your wedding day. In Illinois, the minister completes the license and is responsible for returning it to the state.

Alcohol Policy

For insurance liability reasons, alcohol is only permitted on church property during receptions as long as your caterer has a license to serve alcohol. Alcohol is not allowed to be brought into the church by a wedding party member or guest.

FCCLG Officiant

If the Rev. Carly Stucklen Sather from First Congregational Church officiates your wedding, she will meet with both of you at least three times. Because the marriage service is an intimate and sacred one, it is important that you and the minister become well acquainted and that you have ample opportunity to think through and discuss some of the deeper meanings of marriage. If one of our other commission officiants from FCCLG officiates your wedding, they will meet with you one time prior to the wedding rehearsal.

No Rice

For environmental reasons as well as tripping hazards, rice and confetti are not to be thrown following a wedding. Birdseed and/or bubbles are now commonly used, but they must not be brought into the building. Please hand them out to guests only after they have left the building.

NEXT STEPS

Let's book it!
Check with the church office for availability on your ideal wedding date and time. Email us with any remaining questions.

Thank you!

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PRICE LIST

SPACE

SANCTUARY	$900
CHAPEL OF BEATTITUDES	$300
FOUNDERS' ROOM	$400
FOUNDERS' ROOM ...WITH CATERING KITCHEN	$495
DINING HALL (LOWER LEVEL)	$300

SERVICES

HOST FEE *(1 FOR 75; 2 FOR >75 GUESTS)	$100
REV. CARLY SATHER OFFICIANT	$325
FCCLG OFFICIANT	$200
FCCLG ORGANIST	$285
LIVE VIDEO STREAM	$200

At the time you reserve the date for your wedding, a $250 non-refundable deposit is due. Payments to organist, FCCLG officiant, A/V tech, and wedding host are made separately to those individuals and not to the church.