

Frequently Asked Questions

For

Wheaton Weddings

- ***Can I decorate the Chapel?***

The Chapel is a blank canvas. Pew bows, altar flowers and (dripless) candles are a lovely addition to the two pewter candelabras already in the Chapel. No flower petals are allowed to be dropped. We also ask that nothing be taped, nailed or tacked to any of the walls or pews. Remember to assign a family member or friend to arrange decorations and make sure that candles are placed and lit. Check with your event coordinator to see if decorations and be put up at the rehearsal.

- ***What are the dimensions of the altar table?***

*Length: 6 feet
Height: 3 feet
Width: 30 inches*

- ***How long is the aisle in the chapel and can I use a runner?***

The center aisle is 88 feet long—the runner should be 100 feet long. When using a runner please remember to incorporate pulling out the runner prior to the brides procession.

- ***Will the College provide a day of coordinator for my wedding?***

A Wheaton Event Coordinator will be onsite the day of your wedding. The job of the coordinator is to ensure that your Chapel “check list” has been fulfilled and the facilities are in top notch condition for your event. The coordinator will not be available to assist in the musical aspect or direct the ceremony and/or rehearsal.

- ***Does my florist need to come to the Chapel?***

Not necessarily. Often times a florist will come and leave the flowers and move to the next wedding. If your florist will not be in attendance to “pin” groomsmen and any other guests that will be wearing a corsage or boutonniere, make sure to assign someone who knows your guests to be responsible for them such as a family friend or spouse of the bridal party.

- ***How do I make sure that my fiancé doesn't see me before the ceremony?***

You have the ability to coordinate the arrival times of the groomsmen and bridal party to avoid this. Often times the groomsmen show up early to greet guests, the bridal party can either utilize the “Bride's Room” in the Chapel Basement prior to the ceremony or arrive at the exact time of the ceremony.

- ***Can my Limo drop me off at the front door of the Chapel?***

Yes. The limo can enter through the Gebbie Gate (in front of Gebbie Hall). Once they drop you off at the front door of the Chapel, they will then need to head back out to a parking lot, the “street” in front of the Chapel is a fire lane.

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- ***Should I have a receiving line outside the Chapel?***

If you plan on having a receiving line outside of the Chapel, we ask that you do so with some distance from the doors of the Chapel to allow your guests to exit. Having the receiving line right at the door leaves your guests waiting inside.

- ***What types of music can I have in the Chapel?***

The Chapel has a beautiful old organ that is often utilized for weddings and we will provide you with a preferred organist list. There is also a piano and a cd player in the Chapel. Make sure that you have secured and addressed all of your musical needs at least one month prior to your wedding. If necessary, the chapel can be made available for rehearsal. If you are utilizing the cd player make sure to have someone available to operate it.

- ***Where do my guests park?***

Your guests can park in parking lot #2 located on Rte 123 across from the pond.

- ***Can I have my reception at Wheaton?***

If Emerson Dining Hall is available on your wedding date, it can be used as a reception site. Catering is provided by Aramark, the College's dining services vendor, with the exception of the wedding cake. Emerson is a beautiful dining facility; however it's important to note that it is not air conditioned and there are no decorative items in the facility. It is a blank canvas for your flowers, votive candles, photos or whatever you decide.

- ***Do I have to clean up the Chapel immediately following the ceremony?***

Yes. Assign a family member or friend to remove pew bows, altar candles, including your unity candle and any flowers from the Chapel prior to departure.

- ***Is the Chapel handicap accessible?***

Yes. The Chapel Sanctuary is handicap accessible, however the restrooms are in the basement (only accessible by stairs). Upon request restrooms may be utilized in a nearby building.

