

*The church with a heavenly view  
...of the mountains & of marriage*

## **Sunrise Chapel**

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## ***We believe in marriage!***

*Let us do everything we can to help your wedding be the beginning of a lifelong and happy union of hearts, minds, and lives.*

*Sunrise Chapel* is known for its simple beauty and heavenly view. Two wide windows on the north reveal a stunning panorama of the Catalina Mountains. A bay window on the east features a magnificent, uncut rock holding a special copy of the Bible which is opened at the beginning of each service.

This beautiful, peaceful, and intimate setting has served as a truly inspirational starting point for marriages of many couples.

### *Who can have a wedding at Sunrise Chapel?*

We lovingly affirm God's continual efforts to bless people from all walks of life, and we honor the many different ways God is present in all sacred traditions. Our church denomination's definition of marriage is the union of one man and one woman as Jesus stated in Matthew 19:4-6. Couples who uphold this faith perspective are welcome to consider having their wedding here.

Couples do not need to be members of Sunrise Chapel, but we discuss spirituality together and explore ways to make it an integral part of their marriage.

### *Who may perform wedding ceremonies in the Chapel?*

The pastor of Sunrise Chapel is the primary wedding officiant. If a couple wants someone else to participate, please talk with the pastor about possibilities.

### *What about premarital counseling?*

Our pastor meets with couples 5 to 6 times for premarital counseling. Couples routinely say how much they enjoy these meetings and value the time together. Topics include many issues and values that help brides and grooms prepare for a loving, respectful, and long-lasting relationship.

This is a time for the couple to become comfortable with the pastor and for him to learn the couple's preferences. One session is reserved for collaborative decision-making about the features and flow of the ceremony. We encourage couples to help personalize their wedding ceremony.

### *How many people does the Chapel hold?*

The ceremony space seats up to 140 guests.

## *Is there space for a reception?*

Friendship Hall is available for receptions at an extra charge. It seats up to 120 guests.

## *What about a wedding rehearsal?*

A rehearsal is generally held the day before the wedding. It usually takes an hour. We walk through the ceremony as many times as needed so all participants become familiar with the space and with working together. This is a time to iron out any remaining details and practice the flow of the service.

## *Can couples decorate the ceremony and reception spaces?*

Yes! Decorations are up to the couple or whoever is delegated that responsibility. The couple may secure their own bridal consultant and/or florist or they can engage the bridal party in a collaborative effort. The couple is responsible to assure that the spaces are decorated before the end of the rental time.

## *Is there someone at Sunrise Chapel who will assist at the wedding?*

Yes, we have a representative on staff who assists with the rehearsal and wedding. She attends and helps with various details. Her services are included in the cost of the wedding.



## *We're on the East Side of Tucson*

On Wrightstown Road, just east of Pantano Road and west of Camino Seco Road.

## *Music during the ceremony*

The Church provides a representative during the rehearsal and ceremony to operate the sound system and play recorded music. The couple may bring their own CDs of selections they prefer, or work with the sound technician to select traditional music from our collection of CDs. Alternatively, the couple may arrange for live music on their own.

## *What is the cost to hold a wedding at Sunrise Chapel?*

When you celebrate your wedding at Sunrise Chapel, you pay an affordable amount for the use of the space and several other features, including:

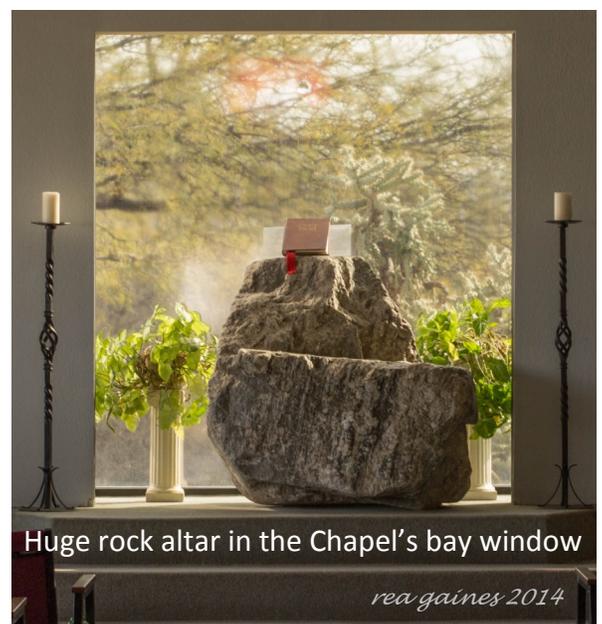
- (1) working with the Sunrise Chapel pastor for premarital counseling and as an officiant for the ceremony
- (2) the use of the bride's room
- (3) a representative of Sunrise Chapel to operate the Chapel sound system
- (4) a representative of Sunrise Chapel on site during the event to oversee various details and the use of the facility

The couple is responsible for all costs involving other vendors, such as florists, musicians, caterers, DJs, etc.

**Contact us to arrange for a tour and to meet with our wedding facilitator.**



Sunrise Chapel is a Christian Church based on the Bible and the theological works of Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772).



Huge rock altar in the Chapel's bay window

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