



# ROBERT CARR CHAPEL

AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

## Wedding Contract

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rehearsal Time Frame (see below): \_\_\_\_\_

Couple's Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to couple: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Guest List Count: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REQUESTED DAY & TIME: Please check the time slot required.**

<u>Saturdays</u>	<u>Suggested Ceremony Start</u>	<u>TCU Fee</u>	<u>Community Fee</u>	<u>Friday Rehearsal</u>
_____ 11am-2pm	12pm or 12:30pm	\$1350	\$1550	4-5pm
_____ 2-5pm	3pm or 3:30pm	\$1550	\$1750	5-6pm
_____ 5-8pm	6pm or 6:30pm	\$1950	\$2150	6-7pm

### Sundays (Seasonal)

#### **Academic Year:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-4pm                      2pm or 2:30pm                      \$1350                      \$1550                      7-8pm

#### **Summer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-5pm                      3pm or 3:30pm                      \$1350                      \$1550                      7-8pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5-8pm                      6pm or 6:30pm                      \$1550                      \$1750                      8-9pm

**A TCU ID number is required in order to receive the discount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note- Discount applies *only if the one of the individuals being married are TCU alumni, faculty, staff, student, trustees, or children thereof.*

Facility Contract: We agree to adhere to **ALL policies** stated in **"Wedding Policies & Information,"** and understand that if policies are broken, additional fees may be incurred, or in cases of infraction, our ceremony may be cancelled. It is the responsibility of persons making the wedding arrangements to ensure that all members of the wedding party and vendors are informed and follow the policies.

Couple's Signatures: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Wedding Policies & Information

The couple is to Read, Initial, Sign, and Inform the wedding party & vendors of the policies below.

- Section 1 - Scheduling, fees, capacity and staff.
- Section 2 - Flowers, décor, music, photography & videography.
- Section 3 - General chapel policies, holding rooms and indemnity.
- Section 4 - Rescheduling, refunds, late bookings & security deposits
- Section 5 - Additional information

### Section 1

#### **1. Scheduling & Fees**

- All weddings have a 3-hour ceremony time slot (Sat: 11am-2pm, 2pm-5pm, 5pm-8pm. Sun: 1pm-4pm or 2pm-5pm & 5pm-8pm)
- The chapel fee includes: chapel rehearsal for a 1-hour block, chapel ceremony for a 3-hour block, parking in a TCU campus lot, assistance of a chapel coordinator, and services of a sound technician.
- Discounts apply only if the one of the individuals being married is TCU alumni, faculty, staff, student, trustee or the children thereof.
- A date may be held for 7 days before the non-refundable \$500 deposit & signed contract are due. The remainder of the fee must be paid in full within 30 days of confirming the reservation. All checks payable to TCU. If both the \$500 deposit and the contract have not been submitted within 7 days of the reservation being made, the date is opened up to other clients.
- Payments may be dropped off in Jarvis Hall, M-F 9am-4pm, mailed in, or paid online at [www.chapel.tcu.edu](http://www.chapel.tcu.edu).
- All rehearsals are Friday evenings and are 1 hour each as they are held back-to-back. Users must begin and end the rehearsal within the assigned hour. If participants arrive late, a full rehearsal may not be possible. Rehearsals may not be moved from the designated time.

#### **2. Capacity**

- The chapel's maximum capacity is 364 people as established by the Fire Marshall of the City of Fort Worth. No more than 324 persons are admitted in the chapel at one time. The sanctuary and balcony area comfortably hold about 300 guests.
- Maximum of 10 persons are allowed to stand on each side of the couple (10 on the left side, 10 on the right side) in order to keep the aisles clear. Should there be more persons in your bridal party, they may sit in the chairs on the altar or front pews in the sanctuary.
- There is a maximum of 24 people allowed in the narthex at any given time.

#### **3. Chapel Staff**

- A chapel coordinator from our staff will be present for your rehearsal and ceremony.
- The duties of the chapel coordinator include: serving as a liaison between the university & the wedding party by providing information, upholding the rules & regulations, and assisting with logistics of the service as appropriate.
- You will receive contact information from your coordinator 1 week before the ceremony.
- The chapel coordinator does not plan or assist with tasks such as flowers, attire, deliveries, photography, videography, or receptions. TCU assumes no responsibility for gowns, tuxedos, flowers, or any items delivered to the chapel. For liability reasons, chapel staff are not allowed to help with set-up/clean-up.
- Couples must provide their own officiant. Clergy fees and pre-marital counseling are not part of the Chapel wedding fees. Should you need assistance finding an officiant, the chapel office is happy to provide a list of recommendations.

**\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to follow all policies pertaining to scheduling, fees, capacity and staff.**

### Section 2

#### **4. Flowers & Décor**

- Florists/vendors have access to the inside/outside chapel, cloisters, holding rooms, and chapel grounds for the time frame stated in the chapel contract. The time frames are strictly followed. **Set-up must be completed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of ceremony start time.**
- All furnishings and fixtures are considered permanent and may not be moved. These items include, but are not limited to, the cross, communion table, piano, narthex tables, kneeler, pew cushions, hymnals, lectern, pulpit, organ, or chairs.



- Nothing may be placed on the organ or piano, or draped, hung, or leaned upon the cross. Arrangements cannot interfere with the movement of the bridal party, guests, or the musician's sightline.
- Floral arrangements, decorations, ribbons, and ropes cannot block or hinder access to or from the aisle, pews, or doors at ANY time. No floral arrangements are allowed in the aisles.
- Narthex/Sanctuary doors must remain open as guests are entering and exiting the chapel per code.
- Flower arrangements may be hung on the lanterns outside of the chapel. However, nothing can be hung or placed on the inside or outside chapel doors.
- Floral arrangements and candles may be placed in the window sills if a protective base is used. All candles must have a protective base. Candles may not have ribbons or any other flammable material tied around them. Chapel staff reserves the right to limit excess candle use at staff discretion.
- The chapel does not provide any decorations, candles, candle holders, communion materials, stands/columns for floral arrangements, or storage for décor.
- No décor may be affixed to any chapel furniture or walls by nails, tape, putty, tacks, pins, glue, or 3M products. No runners or carpets may be used in the aisles. No glitter, dried herbs/floral, birdseed, balloons, etc. are allowed in the chapel.
- No pew hangers are allowed. If pew décor is desired, we recommend using tulle or ribbon to tie on to the pew.
- No rice, confetti, or similar items can be thrown within or around the chapel. Birdseed or biodegradable flower petals are permitted to be thrown outside of the chapel, but must be picked up before the end of the contracted time frame.
- **Wedding party or florist is responsible for picking up ALL chapel décor**, including all materials thrown inside & outside; no clean up materials provided. All décor must be removed by the end of the time frame. The **chapel & surrounding areas must look as it did when you arrived; otherwise, the security deposit is forfeited**. The chapel is not responsible for any belongings left behind.

## 5. Music

- Musicians have access to the inside/outside of chapel, cloisters, holding rooms, and chapel grounds for the time frame stated in the chapel contract.
- Instrumental or vocal music is permitted; however, **NO RECORDED music is allowed**. It is highly suggested that music of a classical, religious, or sacred nature be used. Music may not include vulgar, profane, or inappropriate language or references.
- Only approved musicians may play the organ and/or carillon bell tower music. In addition to the organ & carillon, approved musicians can also play the piano; however, outside pianists may be brought in as well. Wedding parties who are interested in having the organ for their ceremony may do so at their own cost, and the chapel office can provide a list of approved musicians upon request.

## 6. Photography

- Photographers have access to the inside/outside of chapel, cloisters, holding rooms, and chapel grounds for the time frame stated in the chapel contract. **The time frames are strictly followed**. Pictures may be taken off site, elsewhere on campus, before and after the reserved time frame.
- Pictures may be taken throughout the chapel up to **30 minutes before ceremony start time**. All large equipment (light umbrellas, etc.) must be taken down & stored for the ceremony. Any stationary equipment, beyond the camera itself, must be in place 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- Photography equipment may not be stored in narthex during the ceremony, but may be stored in balcony or back pews if not in use by guests.
- **No flash photography permitted during the ceremony (beginning of processional to end of recessional)**.
- Photography may be taken throughout the chapel, but no photography may be done from the chancel during the processional, ceremony, or recessional.
- Photographers are not to sit with family on the 1<sup>st</sup> row, stand within 10 rows of the chancel in the center aisle during the ceremony, or block any view of a wedding guest. Photographers must be discreet and quiet as to not interfere with the ceremony.
- Equipment must be removed by the end of the time block, and the chapel is not responsible for equipment left behind.
- Bridal/groom portrait reservations are permitted at no charge for RCC brides based on chapel availability. The chapel may be used for a maximum of 2 hours. Please respect yours & other's time frames by not showing up any earlier or staying later than your reserved time. No changing rooms are provided for portraits.



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### 7. Videography

- Videographers have access to the inside/outside of chapel, cloisters, holding rooms, and chapel grounds for the time frame stated in the chapel contract.
- Audio recording equipment must be in place **30 minutes before the ceremony begins**.
- An audio recording connection is available on the ground next to the second column from the front. You may plug into this audio lead with a 3 Pin XLR Male Microphone Cable.
- Handheld, wireless video cameras may move around freely during the ceremony as long as they do not interfere with the line of sight of the organist or movement of the bridal party. Stationary, tripod cameras may be in the balcony and/or behind any of the columns only.
- Videographers must not sit with family on the 1<sup>st</sup> pew, stand within 10 rows of the chancel in the middle aisle during the ceremony, or block any view of a wedding guest. Videographers must be discreet and quiet as to not interfere with the ceremony.
- Video cameras, equipment, and videographers may not block access to the aisles or pews at any time.
- The personal use of any unmanned aircraft systems (i.e., drones) is prohibited on campus, unless approved by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. **Contact the chapel staff no less than 4 weeks prior to the ceremony to start the process.** Approval must be obtained 2 weeks prior to the event in order to implement security measures.
- All equipment must be removed by the end of the time block, and the chapel is not responsible for equipment left behind.
- Wedding parties who are interested in live streaming their ceremony may do so at their own cost with the outside vendor of their choice.

**I agree to follow all policies pertaining to flowers, décor, music, photography & videography.**

### Section 3

#### 8. General Chapel Policies

- All outside vendors (florist, photographer, videographer, and outside coordinator) must sign and return a contract stating that they **understand and agree to CHAPEL policies**. All contracts can be found [online](#).
- No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted in the chapel, the adjoining buildings, or on the chapel steps.
- TCU prohibits the carrying of licensed or unlicensed guns or weapons as defined by Texas State law onto its campus. Anyone found in violation of this policy will be escorted off campus.
- For safety reasons, motorized vehicles as part of the ceremony are prohibited. Wagons and strollers are allowed, but not encouraged. All wheels must be thoroughly cleaned and void of mud/dirt prior to arriving to the ceremony. Guests with strollers must park the strollers in the narthex to keep aisles clear. Walkers and motorized apparatuses used by individuals with disabilities are permitted.
- Pets or animals of any kind, except service animals, are not permitted in the chapel.
- Food and drink are **PROHIBITED** inside the sanctuary, but are permitted in the holding rooms and cloisters.
- **NO alcohol is allowed** on campus including in the holding rooms, chapel, cloisters, or outside/around the chapel at any time except for communion elements. Persons who arrive intoxicated or become intoxicated while getting ready for the ceremony, during the ceremony, or before the rehearsal, will be ticketed and escorted off property by TCU Police. Rehearsals and ceremonies will not be conducted when any member of the wedding party is under the influence of alcohol.

#### 9. Holding Rooms/Classrooms

- 2 classrooms are provided as holding rooms for the day of the wedding. They are located in Beasley Hall, and connect to the chapel. Only designated rooms may be used, and only for the duration of the reserved time frame.
- All items must be removed immediately following the wedding ceremony. The room must look exactly as it did when the wedding party arrives- no trash or items left behind, desks in place as they originally were, no damages to any part of the room. The chapel is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- The AV equipment in the holding rooms are for teaching purposes only, and should not be tampered with at any time. Any damages will be billed to the persons reserving the chapel.



#### 10. Parking & Limos

- Parking for wedding party is located directly behind the chapel off of Princeton Ave. Additional parking for wedding guests is available in the parking lots along Parmer Ave and Lowden St.
- Weddings on dates of TCU home football games must reserve the parking lot behind the chapel. The fee for reserving & staffing the lot is \$175, and is due 90 days prior to the wedding. **All fall dates are to be booked with the understanding that home football games may be scheduled after booking. Game times are not available until 1-2 weeks prior to the game.**
- Weddings that do not occur on a home football game are not required to pay the parking fee.
- The street in front of the chapel, S. University Drive, only has 2 lanes & is not meant for parking. Limos may arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before they are to be used, as to not interfere with traffic or police. We recommend an usher or friend contact the limo driver as the ceremony ends, so they know when to drive to the front.
- Wedding parties who are interested in shuttling guests may do so at their own cost with the outside vendor of their choice.

#### 11. Indemnity

- All parties agree to indemnify, defend & hold harmless TCU, its trustees, officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, damages, injuries & liabilities, including attorney's fees, costs & expenses incurred in connection with or during the performance of this agreement.
- All parties will comply with all the laws of the United States; the State of Texas; all ordinances, rules or requirements of the City of Fort Worth; and all the rules & regulations of the TCU campus, and will not do or suffer to be done anything in violation thereof on said premises during the use period.
- TCU reserves the right through its administrators and/or officers of the TCU Police Department to eject any objectionable person or persons from the chapel. Upon the exercise of this authority, through the administrators or officers of the TCU Police Department; users hereby waive any right and all claims for damages against TCU.
- TCU is not responsible for damage to, or theft of, any lost item left in the chapel. Custodians inspect & clean the chapel following each wedding. In the event items are left behind, call 817-257-7831 to leave a message with a description and contact information. Items left behind more than 30 days will be donated.
- All weddings in the chapel take place at the discretion of the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life and Texas Christian University. TCU reserves the right to refuse to book the chapel for weddings at any time.
- By choosing to host your wedding at Robert Carr Chapel, you have chosen a location that is part of a very active college campus. Occasionally campus events may occur in buildings near the chapel.

**I agree to follow all policies pertaining to general chapel policies, parking, holding rooms and indemnity.**

#### Section 4

#### 12. Rescheduling, Refunds, & Late Bookings

- All fees will be forfeited in the event that you cancel or reschedule less than 9 months prior to your date. A refund, minus your \$500 deposit, will be made only if cancellation is given in writing at least 9 months before the facilities are to be used- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Refunds will only be issued to the person who made the reservation, and paid the original fee.
- If necessary, a wedding date or time may be rescheduled **ONCE** if more than 9 months from the original date. After that, any changes will be considered a cancellation, and will require rebooking.
- A cancellation or rebooking must be in written format from one of the individuals being married. Cancellations & rebookings are not accepted from outside wedding coordinators, parents, friends, etc.
- The wedding contract is valid only for the couple listed, and may not be sold.
- In the event that a wedding is booked within 90 days of the ceremony, the contract, full payment, and the security deposit are due in **7 days**. Game day parking fees are also due within 7 days, if applicable.



- In the event that TCU closes due to hazardous weather or environmental conditions beyond our control (Force Majeure), the couple will be offered to either refund the full chapel fee or may move to a new date, up to 1 year from the original date. In certain circumstances, if parking, sidewalks, and nearby roads are deemed accessible, university staff may keep the chapel open, if requested.
- **In the event of a long term or far-reaching *force majeure*, the chapel office will reach out to all potentially impacted clients they expect will be impacted by the environmental concern. At that time the client will have 72 hours (unless the actual date of the event is sooner) after hearing from the chapel office to decide to either cancel with a full refund due to the unexpected event, or to reschedule to a later date. Should the client decide not to cancel or reschedule within that time frame, the client forfeits the right to a refund upon a later cancellation. All rescheduled weddings will have all payments transferred to the new booking.**

### 13. Security Deposit

- There is a required security deposit of **\$250**, which must be paid no later than 90 days before your wedding.
- The security deposit may NOT be made online, and **must be made via a separate check payable to, TCU.**
- The security deposit will be forfeited if any damages occur, or if policies are broken. Some of the frequent rules broken include, but are not limited to, alcohol in holding rooms, showing up intoxicated, over maximum capacity, destruction of property, arriving early, staying late, leaving the chapel in a state other than how it was upon arrival, breaking music policies, etc.
- If no rules are broken and no damages occur, the check will be shredded by chapel staff. If you would like your check returned to you, you may pick it up in person after the wedding.

## Section 5

### 14. Handicap Access

- Handicap access exists through the exterior ramp on the north side of the chapel as well as cloister entrances on the east side of the chapel. The east side is accessible from the east parking lot, and the Beasley building elevator. Accessible restrooms are located on both the east and west side of the chapel, and a lift allows access to the chancel without using steps. Hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please contact chapel staff for further questions about accessibility. It is recommended dropping off handicap guests on Princeton Street, located north of the chapel. Drop offs are not recommended for S. University.

### 15. Contact

- Robert Carr Chapel is located on the east side of University Drive, south of Cantey Drive & north of Berry Street. The building is located between Beasley & Moore Halls. Public entrances are on the west side.
- The chapel office is located on the first floor of Jarvis Hall (across the street from the chapel), in the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life.
- Address for Invitations:  
Robert Carr Chapel  
2855 University Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76129
- Contact for Chapel Correspondence & Payments:  
Texas Christian University  
Office of Religious & Spiritual Life  
Attn: Chapel Coordinator  
TCU Box 297310  
Fort Worth, Texas 76129  
817-257-7831 Phone  
[robertcarrchapel@tcu.edu](mailto:robertcarrchapel@tcu.edu)

**I agree to follow the chapel policies pertaining to rescheduling, refunds, late bookings & security deposits.**