Reservations
The Little Chapel in the Woods is available to the public to book for weddings, vow renewals, baptisms, and memorial services. Rentals are three hours per booking and include use of the organ (with approved organist), piano and sound system, as well as candles in the candelabras, tea lights along the window ledges, and a building attendant to make sure everything runs smoothly. Additional time may be booked by the hour. The chapel seats approximately 110 persons, including 15 seats in the balcony. The Little Chapel in the Woods is open to the public for viewing 9:00am – 8:00pm daily.

The University Greenhouse Patio, the Gardens and Hubbard Hall may also be reserved for weddings, receptions, and other events. Catering services are available through the TWU Catering. For more information about renting any of our spaces please contact the Office of Conference Services.

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Working on the Motherhood window pattern for the Little Chapel in the Woods.

*Chapel Floor plan

Dedicated in 1939
by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt
Chapel History
The Little Chapel in the Woods was designed by Texas’ “father of preservation” - O’Neil Ford, and his associates, A.B. Swank and Preston M. Geren. The Chapel was built during the Great Depression at a cost of $28,000. Private donations and a grant from the National Youth Administration allowed the long cherished dream of former Texas Woman’s University President Dr. L.H. Hubbard to come to fruition. More than 300 TWU students and faculty, under the direction of Dorothy LaSelle, built components of the Chapel. They constructed and designed doors, the lectern and pulpit, pews, the cross, candlesticks, mosaic work, stenciling on the beams, light fixtures, inscriptions on the lintels, and the beautiful stained glass windows that are still in the chapel today.

“May the use of this Chapel in the Woods be a blessing to you all.”
-First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Chapel dedication November 1, 1939

Wedding Bells
People have been saying “I do” in the Chapel since it was built. The first wedding took place on September 25, 1939. A month later, the Chapel was dedicated by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt on November 1, 1939. Currently, there are over 100 weddings and commitment ceremonies in the Chapel each year. Also, there are baptisms, memorial services, and TWU Music Department Recitals. A list of the weddings and commitment ceremonies can be found in the TWU Wedding Book (originally called the Bride’s Book) online and on the TWU Denton campus in the ACT building 2nd floor lobby exhibit.

Awards & Recognition
• In 2009, Texas Monthly announced the Little Chapel in the Woods as one of the 10 best buildings in the whole state of Texas.

• The county of Denton voted the Little Chapel the best wedding venue in 2014 and 2015

• Named in 1983 by the Texas Society of Architects as one of the 20 buildings representing “Texas Proudest Architectural Achievements of All Time.”

Stained Glass Windows
Graduate student Beatrice Paschall supervised the design and execution of the stained glass windows. Art student Sammy Tate directed the execution of the metal candlesticks and a cross for the altar. The ten windows illustrate the theme “Woman Ministering to Human Needs.” The largest window, situated behind the raised altar at the back of the Chapel, is the Motherhood window. The eight windows along the sides of the chapel depict the following professions: nursing, social service, teaching, dance, literature, science, speech and music. The tenth window is of an abstract rose, and a small window in the vestibule shows the builders, donors, and decorators of the Chapel. Noted professional women who appear in the windows are Martha Graham, Helen Keller, Isadora Duncan, Anne Sullivan, Florence Nightingale, Ruth St. Denis, and Doris Humphrey. The Advanced History of Art Class, 1939, was responsible for the planning, design, and in some cases, the execution of the Chapel windows.