

Photography

Pictures may be taken prior to or following the wedding ceremony or during the Processional or Recessional. No flash pictures may be taken during the wedding ceremony as it is an act of Christian worship. Available light photographs may be taken during the ceremony by the photographer only from the balcony and with equipment that does not distract.

General Building Policies

In keeping with the sanctity of the church, there shall be no drugs, intoxicating beverages, smoking or gambling permitted within the building.

Birdseed and/or rice are not to be handled openly or thrown inside the building.

Rooms used for dressing, such as the parlor which has a full-length mirror, are to be straightened up by the wedding party before leaving the building. The couple is responsible for any damage or breakage.

Firecrackers or anything that might endanger persons or property are not allowed. Balloons are permitted for decorating only, but must be disposed of after the wedding.

Receptions

Receptions are welcome in our Fellowship Hall or Parlor. This should be scheduled at the time of the first conference with the Pastor. Outside caterers may be used.

Fees

The following schedule of fees has been developed to reflect, as closely as possible, the actual cost of providing the facilities and utilities. All monies are subject to final decision of the Pastor.

A deposit of 50% is due at the time of scheduling, one half of which is refundable up to seven (7) days prior to the wedding date if the wedding is canceled. The balance is due one week prior to the wedding date.

Wedding Fees

Sanctuary Wedding with Rehearsal		
	Members & Staff*	\$500.00
	Non-Member	\$800.00
Chapel Wedding		\$400.00

*This does not include an honorarium for the Pastor.

Organist	\$ 75.00
Sound System Technician	\$ 50.00
Wedding Reception (Bldg. only)	\$200.00
Rehearsal Dinner (Bldg only)	\$ 75.00

Capacity

Sanctuary - 320 persons maximum (includes wedding party and overflow area in balcony.)

Fellowship Hall - 250 persons maximum

Chapel - 50 persons maximum (includes wedding party).

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I Corinthians 13:4-7

If you have questions concerning plans for your wedding or need additional information before meeting with the Pastor, please do not hesitate to call.

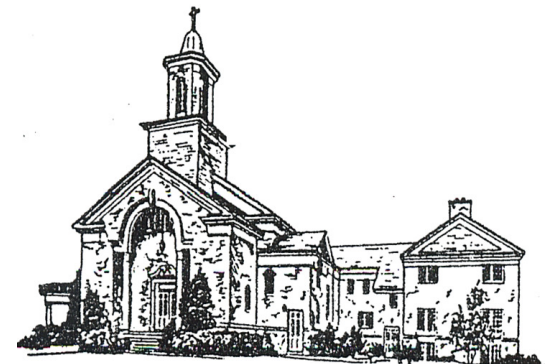
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Wedding Policies

The wedding ceremony is one of the most sacred rites of the church. Therefore, it is our desire at First Christian Church to assist couples in planning and having weddings which are beautiful, worshipful and meaningful.

Wedding ceremonies at First Christian Church are never merely social events, but are to be, always a true worship service in the giving of two people to each other under the blessing of God. We wish to extend to each wedding party every possible courtesy and assistance.

Scheduling

The bride and groom should make an appointment with the Pastor for scheduling of fee and arrangements as early as possible. A conference is required before a date will be placed on the church calendar, invitations printed or any public announcement made. The Pastor will review our policies with the couple as well as assist in planning the ceremony.

Officiating Pastor

A couple may request a minister of their own to participate or officiate in the ceremony. The request should be made known at the time of the first conference and is subject to the Pastor's approval.

In every case, one of our staff will be responsible for the rehearsal and wedding in order to assure that customs are acceptable to First Christian Church. Most important, the presence of one of our staff provides an expression of pastoral concern on behalf of this church for the couple being married.

After the conference with the couple, the Guest Minister will contact the Pastor to work out with him/her the details of the service and the use of the building. Fees and honorariums for the visiting minister are not included in the contracted fee.

Rehearsal

At the time the wedding is scheduled, the rehearsal date and time is also set. The Pastor will direct the rehearsal in consultation with the couple. A rehearsal normally lasts about an hour. Promptness is appreciated.

Wedding License

The wedding license must be applied for at least five days before the wedding and brought to the church for completion two days prior to the wedding.

Counseling

By choosing to be married in a church, you are choosing to be married under the blessings of God. It is God's intention that marriage is for life. Yet, divorce occurs in one of every two marriages. As marriage is a sacred act and because divorce can be destructive to many persons including children, the church has a moral obligation to provide counsel for couples planning marriage.

Therefore, it is requested that all couples who are married at First Christian Church confer with the Pastor

Music

A wedding is a service of worship and only music in keeping with the dignity and sacredness of a worship service should be considered.

If piano music is preferred, any capable pianist is acceptable. Organist or pianist must be available for rehearsal.

It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to contact our organist to discuss the musical selections.



Worship Setting

The Communion Table shall remain a central position in the chancel area of both the Sanctuary and Chapel for all weddings. No decorations shall be placed on the communion table other than regular church appointments.

Both the Sanctuary and the Chapel are heated and air-conditioned.

Decorations

A kneeling rail and four seven-branch wrought iron (or 2 gold) candelabras including candles are available without charge. If other candle ware is used, carpet and furniture should be protected.

Tacks, nails and decorations which could deface the property are not to be used for weddings or receptions. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to inform the florist or decorator that no tape, glue or adhesives should be used on the pews or wood furnishings. The florist or wedding party is responsible for removal of decorating paraphernalia unless flowers are to be used for church worship.

All decorations are subject to the final approval of the Pastor.

If an aisle runner is used, the center aisle of the Sanctuary is 70 feet from the Narthex to the Chancel steps and allowance must include 20-30 feet from the Chancel steps and area.

The Chapel aisle is 25 1/2 feet from the Hall to the Chancel step and an additional ten feet is needed for the Chancel.