



Weddings Guidelines

As it states in First Christian By-Laws, Article VII, on Marriage:

- Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between one man, one woman, and Himself, First Christian Church will only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman as each person was designated by a medical doctor at the person's birth and evidenced by the person's original birth certificate.
- Further, the ministers and staff of First Christian Church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one man and one woman as each person was designated by a medical doctor at the person's birth and evidenced by the person's original birth certificate.
- Finally, the facilities and property of First Christian Church shall only host marriage related events between one man and one woman as each person was designated by a medical doctor at the person's birth and evidenced by the person's original birth certificate.

The following is required to have a wedding ceremony at First Christian Church.

- Must be an active attender or member (or child or grandchild of such) with recorded attendance, minimum of 50%, for 6 months prior to booking a wedding.
- Before approval of a wedding ceremony being held at First Christian Church, you must fill out and return a Wedding Request Form.
- Wedding ceremonies at First Christian Church will be performed by current ministers on staff at FCC, unless special permission is given by the Senior Minister.
- Upon approval of request, a \$100 security deposit is required to hold your wedding date.
- A maximum of 1 wedding will be scheduled per month.
- No weddings reservations will be scheduled from Thanksgiving to January 2 the following year.
- Weddings reservations may only be scheduled 10 months in advance.
- Wedding ceremonies for Saturdays must be scheduled no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Wedding ceremonies scheduled for Fridays must be scheduled no later than 6:00 p.m.
- No wedding ceremonies will be scheduled on Sundays.

Wedding requests will be considered, and reviewed case by case, if a member of another, smaller, Christian Church requests the use of our building.

Wedding Fees: \$1,000 covers the fees for the following people: Minister, Sound Technician, Wedding Coordinator and Custodian. Checks payable to: First Christian Church with your wedding name in the memo. Full payment should be given to the Church Office no later than 1 month before wedding.

Wedding Receptions may also be booked at FCC for the Fellowship Hall only. An additional custodial fee of \$100 will be due no later than 1 month before the wedding.

Day of Wedding

- No taping or attaching decorations to walls or windows
- Chairs – The church will create a center aisle upon your request. We will not remove or change the direction of any chairs.
- No aisle candelabras are allowed
- Decorations may be hung from the chairs
- The wedding party is in charge of removing all decorations after the ceremony before going to the reception
- Only artificial flower petals are allowed for the flower girls
- Aisle runners are allowed

Building Rules

- Absolutely no alcohol in building or grounds
- Smoking is strictly outside in designated areas
- You are welcome to bring food and water. No food is allowed in the Sanctuary
- First Christian Church does not have columns, candle lighters or full length mirrors

Security of Personal Items and Items Brought into the Church by the wedding party

First Christian Church is not responsible for the damage, theft, or loss of any personal items brought into the church by members of the wedding party or guests. First Christian Church is also not responsible for the damage, theft, or loss of any equipment, decorations, or other items brought into the church by or for the wedding party that may be used in conjunction with the wedding.