

Information and Guidelines for WEDDINGS
at
First Presbyterian Church, Florence, Al

During the Covid-19 pandemic it has been and will continue to be the policy of FPC to follow the guidelines of public health experts (e.g., CDC and ADPH), the advice of medical professionals within our congregation and the directives of our governing officials. Accordingly, as FPC transitions from Stage 1 to Stage 2 (see details at <http://www.fpcflorence.org/our-reopening.html>) and we begin to consider opening our church to various activities, including larger weddings, the following Guidelines will be in effect with respect to weddings until further notice.

Number in Attendance. Other than FPC Staff on-site for a wedding ceremony, the maximum number of people allowed on church property at any time may not exceed fifty (50). This number includes the couple, other members of the wedding party, family, guests, and vendors, including photographers, videographers and non-Staff musicians (collectively, the “Participants”), regardless of age, and wherever on the church’s premises the activity is being conducted. The church parking lots are included in this restriction. Should this limit be exceeded, the church reserves the right to delay the start of any activities, or pause them once they have commenced, until the couple (as the contracting party with FPC) or their designee has reduced the total number of Participants to the permitted maximum of fifty (50).

No Illness at Activity. All Participants must be healthy to attend any wedding-related activity at the church. Those that are ill should not attend or come on the church’s premises. The church reserves the right to check the temperature of any and all Participants. Any Participant with a temperature at or higher than 100° F will be asked to leave the church’s premises. Any individual showing any signs of respiratory disease will also be asked to leave the church’s premises even if their temperature is normal. Should the individual(s) refuse to do so, the church reserves the right to delay the start of any activities, or pause them once they have commenced, until the couple or their designee has caused the individual(s) in question to do so.

Social Distancing. All Participants must maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from all others and FPC Staff before, during and after the activity, including without limitation with respect to the ceremony itself. The permitted exceptions are as follows: immediate family members when seated in a pew; the couple with family escort.

Protective Face Masks and Other Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”). FPC reserves the right to require wearing of masks during weddings held in our Stage 2 reopening period. As a general rule, if Participants obey the foregoing social distancing requirements, Participants will not be required to wear protective face masks while on church property if the church has entered Stage 3 of reopening (see details at <http://www.fpcflorence.org/our-reopening.html>). At the option of the couple they may require any particular Participants, or all Participants, to wear a protective face mask with respect to any activity under any Stage of FPC reopening. FPC does not require the

wearing of gloves.

Permitted Access. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in these Guidelines, FPC reserves the right to restrict access to any portion of its premises at any time and from time-to-time as it may in its sole discretion determine. At the time of this writing, the permitted spaces at the church consist of the Sanctuary, and those spaces immediately accessible from such places, such as the Narthex and Bridal Room and bathrooms.

Services Not Available. The following services will neither be available nor allowed on the church premises with respect to any wedding-related activity:

- a. Wedding rehearsals;
- b. The sacrament of Communion;
- c. Nursery services; and/or
- d. Receptions or similar activities, whether before or after a ceremony.

Musicians. Any non-Staff vocalists must provide their own accompanists. Location of all musicians will be as determined by the Staff.

Prompt Departure. All Participants will depart church property as soon as reasonably practicable after the wedding. Post-ceremony photographs and videos are of course permitted but must be concluded as quickly as practicable.

Photography and Videography. Subject to the social distancing requirements previously stated, all photography and videography must occur in the then-current allowed spaces on the church's premises.

No Representation as to Safety. During the COVID-19 pandemic all Participants attend any event at the church at their own risk with respect to exposure to such disease; FPC makes no representation or warranty otherwise in this regard.

Final Decision to Proceed. Unless superseded by applicable law or regulations, FPC reserves the right within its sole discretion to make the final decision as to whether or not then-current conditions permit a scheduled wedding-related activity to proceed, including with respect to the wedding ceremony. Any decision in this regard will be communicated to the couple as soon as practicable.

Right to Modify. FPC will continue to monitor guidelines of public health experts, the advice of medical professionals, and the directives of our governing officials. These have evolved and will continue to evolve as more information becomes available and health conditions change. Accordingly, FPC reserves the right to modify this document at any time and from time-to-time as it in its sole discretion deems appropriate.