

Old South Church United Church of Christ Wedding Policy

Our desire is to make your wedding day a memorable occasion and to help you have a good foundation as you begin your married life. Old South Church considers this part of our ministry as we seek to be faithful in our own calling to serve God and others. We look forward to working with you in making this a good beginning to a long and joyous life together.

Weddings must be coordinated with other congregational programs so the necessary space and personnel are available. Due to liturgical celebrations or national holidays certain weekends are blocked out. The church office will let you know if your intended date falls into that category.

Old South United Church of Christ offers its historic 1859 sanctuary year-round, except in cases noted above. We also offer our beautiful outdoor amphitheater, the Dell, from the first Saturday in June through the last Saturday in September. In the event of inclement weather, weddings scheduled for the Dell will be moved to the sanctuary.

The date of the wedding must be at least three months from the time a contract is signed.

Dates are confirmed only after a non-refundable deposit of 425 is received.

All weddings are officiated by the pastoral staff of Old South United Church of Christ.

A minimum of three pre-marital counseling sessions must be completed with the minister before the wedding day.

Saturday weddings are performed mid-day between 11 am and 1 pm and again late afternoon between 4pm and 6 pm. For weddings other than Saturday, consult with the church office.

Animals are not permitted to participate in the wedding service.

Alcohol consumption and cigarette smoking are not permitted in any of the church buildings or rooms inside the church or on the church grounds.

Old South Church is a place dedicated to the worship of God. Wedding parties and their guests are expected to treat the facility in a manner appropriate to this purpose by complying with all stated policies.

Both the sanctuary and the Dell seat approximately 180 guests. In the sanctuary, this includes the balcony and chairs in the back.

The center aisle of the sanctuary is 45 feet from the double interior doors of the vestibule.

For safety reasons, aisle runners cannot be used in the Dell.

If you require an organist, it is our policy that our organist plays for all weddings. We will provide you with the organist's name and phone number.

You may choose to bring your own musicians or use prerecorded music.

A sound technician will be provided for all weddings.

Old South Church will provide you with a personal wedding coordinator who is available for calls regarding your arrangements.

The coordinator will assist the minister with the details and procedures at the rehearsal and at the ceremony.

Pictures taken during the ceremony must be captured from the balcony or vestibule, with available light only.

Parts of the ceremony may be re-posed before or after the service, if desired; however, please make a conscious effort to have your photography finished within a reasonable amount of time. There may be another wedding following.

Videotaping must be done from the balcony with available light.

The complete wedding package at Old South Church is 725. Fees include:

- Counseling sessions with the wedding minister
- Your marriage ceremony
- Facility rental
- Wedding Coordinator services
- Sound technician
- Custodian

Musician's fees are not included in the package rate. Please call the organist or other musicians directly for their rates.

All fees are subject to change. Fees are not negotiable.

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