

The Wedding Guide

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE AT THE FALLS CHURCH ANGLICAN

1. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Either the bride or the groom must be a member, or child of a member, in good standing at The Falls Church Anglican

2. PERSONAL FAITH IN CHRIST

At The Falls Church Anglican, it is required that each member of the couple play their full part in the life of the church and its witness. In order to do this, we expect all persons seeking the blessing of the church on their marriage to have committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

3. CLERGY APPROVAL

Each couple married in The Falls Church Anglican has met with, and received the endorsement of our clergy team.

4. COMPLETION OF THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM AT THE FALLS CHURCH ANGLICAN

Premarital mentoring is required prior to marriage at The Falls Church Anglican. Mentoring helps prepare you for your lifelong commitment to each other before God. The engaged couple discuss the foundations of a Christian marriage. This mentoring process must be completed no less than sixty (60) days prior to the couple's anticipated wedding date. Therefore, please make plans to begin your mentoring as early as possible.

5. TIME REQUIRED

The Falls Church Anglican requires a minimum of six-eight (6-8) months between initial request and wedding ceremony. Once your clergy intake appointment has been completed and approval received, a wedding date will be placed on the church calendar. If either bride or groom has been divorced, additional time is required.

The Marriage Process and Logistical Information

THE WEDDING TEAM

You will be assigned a wedding coordinator who will contact you after the wedding has been approved and a date set. This member of The Falls Church Anglican Wedding Team will help you plan the logistics of your ceremony and will be present for the rehearsal and wedding day to assist clergy and facilitate your preferences.

CEREMONY GUIDELINES

The priest is in charge of the wedding and the wedding rehearsal and makes the final decisions in consultation with the couple. Clergy from The Falls Church Anglican always preside at weddings at The Falls Church Anglican. With approval from the Rector, clergy from outside our parish are welcome to assist.

All aspects of the wedding are to conform to the Book of Common Prayer (2019) and its rubrics. A short homily will be given.

MUSIC AND SOUND

The resident church organist will play for all weddings. If that person is unavailable, he/she will provide a list of approved substitutes. Please see related section in this document for these costs.

The ceremony is to take place in the Sanctuary and use of the sound system is required. Please see related section in this document for these costs.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS

Photographers must be approved by TFCA before signing a contract. Any video or audio recording of the wedding service will be provided by TFCA and is for limited personal use only and shall not be shown in any public venue or posted on any internet or social media site (including, but not limited to, YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram).

OTHER CHURCH POLICIES

Weddings at The Falls Church Anglican are held on Saturdays at 11am and 4pm only.

Rehearsals are scheduled for the day before the wedding, Friday at 4pm. If two weddings are scheduled for the same weekend, the couple that scheduled their

wedding first will rehearse at 6pm and the second wedding will rehearse at 4pm.
Allow 1 hour for the rehearsal.

COST SUMMARY

PREPARE/ENRICH Inventory \$35

Church/Wedding Team \$0

Clergy Honorarium (*Customary*) \$300-\$500 (paid directly to Clergy)

Organist \$400 (paid directly to Organist)

Organist – Consultations or extra rehearsals \$100/hr. (paid directly to Organist)

Organist vocals (*optional*) \$100 (paid directly to Organist)

Outside (*non-TFCA*) Organist \$400 (paid directly to Organist)

Other musicians (*optional*) Costs will vary, consult Organist

Sound \$250 (paid directly to Sound Technician)

Video (*optional*) \$250 (paid directly to the Video Technician)

Coordinator Honorarium \$200 (paid directly to Coordinator)

Custodian \$250 (paid directly to Custodian)

Silk Altar Flowers (*optional*) \$25

Pew Bows (*optional*) \$5

Candles (*optional*) \$5

Reception (*optional*) Costs will vary

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