

## **Old South United Church of Christ Wedding Policy**

Old South United Church of Christ offers its historic 1859 sanctuary and beautiful outdoor amphitheater, the Dell, for couples to make their wedding ceremony a memorable occasion. We consider this an important part of our ministry as we seek to follow our 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 are coordinated with other church events so the necessary space and personnel are available. The church office can confirm whether your chosen date is available. Weddings can be held indoors year-round. Dell weddings are held 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 into the sanctuary.

### **The complete wedding package at Old South Church is \$1200**

This fee includes:

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

A \$550 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking.

- Musician's fees are not included in the package rate. If you would like an organist, it is our policy that our organist plays for all weddings. The office can provide the organist's name and phone to confirm a date and fee. You may bring your own musicians or use pre-recorded music.

Please note: fees are not negotiable and are subject to change.

### **Answers to frequently asked questions**

- The date of the wedding must be at least three months from the time a contract is signed.
- Dates are confirmed only after the non-refundable deposit 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. These sessions are intended to help begin your married life with a good foundation.
- Saturday weddings begin between 11 am and 1 pm or between 4 pm and 6 pm. Please consult with the office if you would like a non-Saturday wedding.
- Animals are not permitted to participate in the wedding service.

- Alcohol and smoking are not permitted in any of the church buildings or on the church grounds.
- 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.
- You will be assigned a wedding coordinator to assist in arrangements at the church for your service. The coordinator will assist the minister with the details and procedures at both the rehearsal and ceremony. This coordinator is available for phone calls during preparations.
- The wedding coordinator will open the church building two hours prior to your service.
- No flash photography is permitted during the ceremony except at the bridal entrance (from halfway down center aisle) and from the back as the couple exit after ceremony. All other photos must be captured from the balcony or vestibule, with available light only.
- Parts of the ceremony may be re-posed before or after the ceremony, if desired; however please make a conscious effort to have your photography finished within a reasonable amount of time.
- Videotaping must be done from the balcony with available light.

Old South Church is 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.

All questions should be directed to the church secretary by email to [office@oldsouthchurch.org](mailto:office@oldsouthchurch.org) or calling 440.256.3329.