

In The Heart of Riverside, With a Heart for Riverside

In 1620, the forbears of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, left Europe in search of spiritual freedom. Later generations would know them as the Pilgrims. As they departed for the new world, their pastor, John Robinson, urged them to always keep their minds and hearts open to new ways with these words: "God has yet more light and truth to break forth from his holy Word."

In many ways that early history says a lot about who we continue to be. While we are people grounded in a faith that is 2000 years old, we are always searching for new ways of understanding and interpreting scripture in light of 21st century experience and knowledge. And we are a pilgrim people, called by God to serve as God's ambassadors of reconciliation and peace, builders of God's kingdom, and bearers of God's light in places of darkness.

Ours is a proud heritage of seeking justice. We played an important role in the abolitionist movement and later in the civil rights movement in this country. We were the first protestant denomination in America to ordain an African American (1785, Lemuel Haynes), a woman (1853, Antoinette Brown), and an openly gay person (1972, William Johnson).

We celebrate our heritage, but we also seek to continue it. We are vigorously involved in our community; from our involvement with the neediest residents of this city to speaking up at City Council Meetings, our presence in our city is felt.

Written upon the walls of our building are these words from Micah: Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. It is to that calling that we seek to be faithful.



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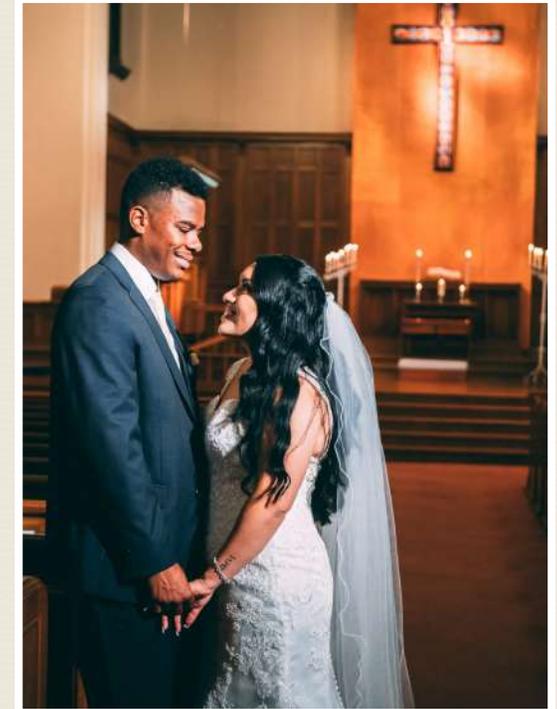
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Getting Started

Schedule a Tour

Planning your wedding at First Congregational Church begins with your meeting with our Wedding Coordinator who will discuss various options with you. If you would like to learn more about the church, you are invited to attend our 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service.

Officiating Minister

It's common for one of our ministers to officiate at wedding services held in our sanctuary. As your wedding day approaches, she will meet with you to discuss the elements of the wedding ceremony. We do our best to accommodate couples in shaping a ceremony that reflects their beliefs and wishes. If, however, you have your own pastor and would prefer for him or her to conduct the ceremony, we welcome that as well.

Music

Our Organist and Music Director will also want to speak with you directly about what you want for music during your wedding ceremony. We have a magnificent organ and a grand piano. Music samples may be heard on our website, fccriverside.org. The wishes of the couple are honored as much as possible.

Photography/ Video

You may use the services of both a photographer and a videographer to record your ceremony.

Rehearsal

A rehearsal will be scheduled with the wedding party prior to your ceremony.

WEDDING PACKAGES

We are delighted that you are considering First Congregational Church as the venue for your wedding. We offer wedding ceremonies for everyone; there are no membership requirements. Weddings are a celebration of a wonderful gift you have been given...the gift of love...the gift of someone who will journey with you through life's ups and downs...who will hold on to you when you are at your best and even when you are sometimes at your worst.

CEREMONY WEDDING ONLY: \$1950.00

Our minister | Our organist | Our wedding coordinator Our custodian | Carillon bell pealing after the ceremony Two chancel candles, a unity candle holder, and two candelabras, either white or black. We provide all candles. Wedding rehearsal for up to 1 hour | A time limit of 3 1/2 hours for the use of the main floor prior to, during and after the ceremony. The fees remain the same regardless of services used. A \$400 deposit is required at the time of booking to save the date. A charge of \$100 is required and refunded after the wedding ceremony if there are no damages to the building. Fee balances are due and non-refundable 60 days prior to your ceremony. A premium is assessed for holiday weekends.



Abundant Photo Opportunities



Endless possibilities for Aisle Decor

ADD OUR RECEPTION HALL \$1,950.00

Use of the downstairs Fellowship Hall is available for 5hr receptions. Max. Capacity is 200 persons. There is a refundable damage deposit of \$300.00 and a refundable damage deposit of \$500.00 if alcohol is served. There is a \$100 fee for us to remove the existing tables/chairs or to replace them after the reception. We require a form of security and offer the option of using our stewards or your own private company. A certificate of insurance including liquor liability coverage is required.



Tables & Chairs are included.

ADD ONS:

Aisle Candles: \$100.00

Paraments Flag Removal from the sanctuary: \$100