

NORTH FALMOUTH Congregational Church

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Policies for Weddings

155 Old Main Road, P. O. Box 403
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508-563-2177

Congratulations! The parishioners of North Falmouth Congregational Church rejoice with you as you anticipate your wedding day. A wedding is a joyful and sacred event, and NFCC welcomes your interest in being married in the sanctuary of this church. A wedding is a deeply personal event shared between two people, and it should be planned carefully to reflect the covenant you are creating. We are here to help you make your wedding—and, more importantly, your marriage—a true blessing in your life.

The following has been prepared to assist you in the details of your planning, and to inform you of the NFCC wedding policy. It is understood that choosing to have your wedding here indicates agreement of all the items addressed below.

Pre-Wedding Conferences The most important preparation for marriage takes place in your hearts and minds. To help this happen, the pastor normally meets with you four times before the wedding. During these sessions you will plan your ceremony, have a conversation about your relationship and marriage, and develop a relationship with the pastor who will be a resource in the future. It is recommended these sessions occur over a period of three to six months. Please contact **Rev. Christina Williams at 978-821-3149 or pastornfcc@gmail.com** to set up a time to meet.

The Wedding Service The pastor of NFCC officiates at all services held in our sanctuary. However, if you would like to have a sole celebrant other than our pastor, please contact our pastor to discuss—the decision is at the pastor’s discretion. Other clergy (ministers, priests, rabbis) are welcome to participate in your service. If this is the case, please inform the pastor of your desire. The pastor will work closely with you on the content of your wedding to make sure the service reflects your relationship as well as the standards of the law. Some couples choose to write some or all of their service, in consultation with the pastor.

Organist

Please contact the church organist as soon as your wedding date has been set and cleared with the church secretary and Rev. Christina Williams. If you wish to use another musician(s), permission to use the church’s organ or electric keyboard must be obtained from the church music director, **508-563-2177**.

Soloist

If you wish to secure a soloist, arrangements must be made with the church organist to schedule rehearsal time.

Photography/Videography

Only professional contracted photographers will be permitted to use cameras inside the Church’s sanctuary. A professional or amateur videographer is permitted in the sanctuary with the understanding that the videographer agrees to videotape in a designated place as per the instructions of Minister. Video cameras are not permitted to use lighting while taping during the ceremony.

Rehearsal A rehearsal is recommended for all weddings and is normally scheduled a day or two before the ceremony. The date and time of the rehearsal will be set in your first meeting with the pastor. All participants in your wedding (parents, readers, etc.) should be present for the rehearsal, which lasts approximately one hour.

Invitations For printed invitations, we recommend this address: North Falmouth Congregational Church, 155 Old Main Road, North Falmouth, MA 02556.

Programs Wedding programs are not only mementos, but also a way to thank your guests, provide directions to the reception, and describe the participants in your wedding. NFCC does not provide programs.

Flowers

The florist should call the church in advance of the day of the wedding to make the necessary time arrangements for delivery of the flowers.

Candles

Two candles on the altar are supplied by the church. Candles are permitted on the chancel and altar only. If the couple desires a Unity candle, the couple needs to supply it.

Rice and confetti: Please do not include the throwing of rice or paper/plastic confetti or similar materials on church property, either inside or outside. Flower girls are permitted to use flower petals for the ceremony.

Other Details

Capacity: The sanctuary seats approximately 130.

Accessibility: The NFCC is a handicap-accessible facility. The only barriers are the steps up to the pulpit and altar.

Sound: We have a sound system available for weddings.

Fees (subject to change)

Nonrefundable application fee	\$50.00
Minister, Rev. Christina Williams	\$450.00
Music Director Stephanie Miles	\$250.00
Church rental for non-members	\$300.00
Bulletin Fee for non-members	\$35.00

(Rental of Covenant Room may be arranged by calling the Office Administrator)

I have read and agree to the above policies and procedures

Signature 1

Signature 2