

Policies for Wedding Photographers and Videographers

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St. Paul's welcomes photography/videography by professionals or amateurs provided it does not distract attention from worship. These policies are designed to support that goal.

The bride and groom are responsible for ensuring that family, friends, and professional photographers/videographers observe these policies in detail. During the wedding, ushers are responsible for informing guests of these policies.

St. Paul's reserves the right to deny access — present or future — to anyone who violates any of these policies.

Photography or Videography

Noise and movement must be kept to an absolute minimum. St. Paul's live acoustic makes any noise distracting.

Photography or videography sessions held inside the sanctuary or chapel before the service must end 30 minutes before the service is set to begin. Similar sessions may follow the wedding. However, all equipment, members of the wedding party, and guests must be out of and away from the sanctuary building 90 minutes after the beginning of the ceremony. (Example: For a 3 p.m. wedding, vacate the premises by 4:30 p.m.)

Anything moved during any type of picture session must be returned to its original position.

Before the wedding party enters the sanctuary or chapel, a photographer may take flash pictures from outside the doorway.

Flash pictures also may be taken as they leave the sanctuary or chapel at the end of the ceremony.

During the service, only available light may be used. Also during the service, no cameras may be used in the main seating area of the sanctuary or chapel; they only may be used from the sanctuary balcony or outside the chapel door.

The balcony vantage point provides a beautiful view of the entire sanctuary and all participants in the worship service.

Videography Specific

Videotaping in the sanctuary is permitted only from the balcony and only using available light.

Videotaping in the chapel is permitted only from the back corner opposite the organ or from outside the doors, and only using available light.

TIP

The wedding party has use of the church for two hours prior to the beginning of the wedding and for 90 minutes after it begins. To effectively use this time, it is recommended that as many photographs as possible of the wedding party be taken before the wedding begins.