

DECORATIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

A wedding at St. Andrew's is a festive liturgy first and foremost and should be treated with dignity. Therefore, the following guidelines must be followed.

As the central symbol of our faith, the cross is the focal point for all services. Accordingly, flower arrangements should enhance, not overwhelm the cross. In addition, St. Andrew's wedding banner can be selected by the couple to be used during the liturgy.

- The florist must meet with the Flower Guild to understand the standards and traditions.
- The wedding flowers used in the chancel or in the chapel must remain for Sunday liturgies. The flowers will be designated in the Sunday Service bulletin "in thanksgiving for the marriage of _____." All other decorations must be removed immediately following the ceremony.
- Weddings during twelve days of Christmas will use the Cathedral flowers and greens already placed. You may make a donation to the Christmas flower fund.

A. In the Sanctuary, the Chancel and the Chapel

1. Flowers on the altar may be arranged in the church containers (St. Andrew's provides several different containers that may be picked up ahead of time.) If the couple does not wish to use the church containers, the florist must contact the Flower Guild Coordinator for approval of substitute containers. Only two arrangements may be placed on the shelf behind the altar. Artificial flowers are not permitted. No flowers, vines, etc. should trail below the base of the container or be attached to the cross, or the wall behind the altar.
2. Potted plants or free-standing floral arrangements are not allowed.
3. Only those candles used for Sunday services and provided by the Cathedral are permitted on the altar.
4. The Cathedral's free-standing pavement candlesticks may only be used in the sanctuary. They may be simply decorated. Plexiglas discs to fit the candlesticks are provided by the Cathedral, but no flower or greenery wrapping of the candlestick stands is allowed.
5. The "unity candle" (or other similar or secular acts) are not used in the Episcopal Church. We only use authorized liturgies of the Episcopal Church.
6. Candles may not be used in the windows, on the pews, or carried by the attendants.
7. Pew markers, either of flowers, greenery, and/or ribbon, may be used; however, decorations should not be attached to the pews or other furniture by pinning, gluing, nailing, or taping.
8. No decorations are permitted around or on the Baptismal Font, the processional cross, or the Paschal candle.
9. Flower petals may not be strewn.
10. Wedding runner is not used.

B. In other Areas—

1. An arrangement of flowers or greenery may be placed on the front porch.
2. Greenery and/or ribbons may be used on the wrought iron stair rails outside the church but must be loosely draped so as not to impede use of the rails.

Signature