

First Methodist Houston Wedding Decoration Guidelines

Altar

The Bible and candles remain on the altar. No flowers are to be placed on the altar, except in the Downtown chapel, where two small arrangements may be used on each side.

Flowers

Large floral arrangements in liners may be used in the vases that are a part of the chancel area. The gold urns are 5-1/2" diameter by 10" deep. **These urns are only in the Sanctuary of the downtown location.**

If desired, additional arrangements in tall containers on either side of the altar are quite effective. The decorator may seek the advice of the wedding coordinator regarding placement of arrangements and must accept direction in situations deemed unacceptable (e.g., camera placement, potential fire hazards).

Candles

The church furnishes the candles used on the altar. Candelabras rented through a florist may be placed on either side of the pulpit, on the floor level inside the altar rail, and in the choir loft. A large sheet of clear plastics **must** be placed under the candelabra to protect the floors and/or chairs. Candelabras may not be placed on the carpet. **Candles must be encased in metal tubes or be the votive type. No unprotected or exposed candles may be used.** Candles or flowers may not be placed on or near the piano or organ. The Wedding Guild will approve placement of candles and flower arrangements. You will be asked to move or remove any candles, flowers, and/or decorations that they feel will be a fire or safety hazard or will distract from the ceremony. **Candles or flowers may not be placed on or near the piano or organ.**

Unity Candle

A Unity Candle may be used, if desired. The unity candle stand is *provided at the Downtown location only*. The Wedding Guild furnishes the two small candles representing each family—the large unity candle (3" diameter) is to be furnished

For our **Westchase Campus**, you will need to provide or rent a stand plus furnish all three of the candles. The candles must be encased in metal sleeves.

Pews

Flowers and decorations are not to be attached to the pews or any other woodwork with anything but ribbon or padded clamps made for that purpose. Floral clay, tape, wire, tacks, or other metal objects are not to be used.

Please contact our wedding coordinator, Alexis McCarty, to arrange a time to better view the space to plan for your decorations. She can be reached at (281) 924-9085 or through email at amccarty@fmhouston.