

In September, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth approved an updating of the church's marriage policy effective Sept. 19, 2016.

The Session of FPCP declares that marriages performed in the building structure or on the campus of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth shall comply with the following policy, effective September 19, 2016.

1. At least one person in the couple shall be a current member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, in good standing, and the couple has the approval of the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.
2. Or at least one person in the couple shall be the son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter of a current member, in good standing, of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and the couple has the approval of the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.
3. Or at least one person in the couple shall be a past member or the son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter of a past member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, having left or is currently in good standing, and the couple has the approval of the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.
4. Marriages are to be performed by the interim Senior Minister, or an Associate Minister on call to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or an Assistant Minister employed by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.
5. Any and all persons assisting in a marriage at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, not meeting condition 4, must have the approval of the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.
6. The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth shall be advised a minimum of 30 days prior to any marriage intended to be performed in the building structure or on the campus of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth by the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.

7. The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth can, by majority vote, approve a couple for marriage that does not meet conditions 1 or 2 or 3 with the request of the interim Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the senior Associate Minister if an interim Senior Minister is not in place.
8. All costs incurred by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for a marriage shall be reimbursed by the couple, either prior to or within 48 hours of the marriage.
9. Any changes or deviations from this policy requires a majority vote by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.