

Wedding Worksheet to be used as an aid at the rehearsal by the wedding coordinator to avoid confusion and map out the wedding with consideration of certain family dynamics.

Processional:

- 1. Groom's Grandmother or other family member of honor
Escorted by an usher (or spouse). Please specify usher's name:

How would she like to be addressed? Circle one: Mrs. / Ms. / First Name

- 2. Bride's Grandmother or other family member of honor
Escorted by an usher (or spouse). Please specify usher's name:

How would she like to be addressed? Circle one: Mrs. / Ms. / First Name

- 3. Groom's Mother, escorted by an usher (or groom, or groom's father) Please specify usher's name:

How would the groom's mother like to be addressed? Circle one: Mrs. / Ms. / First Name

Lighting a Unity candle? Yes No

Any stepmothers/fathers or special situations that I should be aware of?

- 4. Bride's Mother, escorted by an usher

How would the bride's mother like to be addressed? Circle one: Mrs. / Ms. / First Name

Lighting a Unity candle? Yes No

Any stepmothers/fathers or special situations that I should be aware of?

Standard, Traditional Procession of Bridal Party

After the parents are seated, the music will typically change. The pastor, groom, and groomsmen will enter from the front of the church and take their place near the altar.

The bridesmaids will process individually, unescorted.

Alternative Processional:

The pastor, groom, and best man enter from the front of the church and take their place near the altar. The groomsmen line up with the bridesmaids and walk in pairs, or meet the bridesmaids half way up the aisle.

Bridesmaid's Names:

Groomsmen's Names:

The Ring Bearer:

(Name) _____

(Approx. Age) _____

The Flower Girl:

(Name) _____

(Approx. Age) _____

Will she be throwing petals? Yes No

The music will typically change

Finally the bride

Will the bride be escorted? By whom? How would he like to be addressed?

Ushers? Names:

Recessional:

Everyone who was escorted in will be escorted out, followed by the pastor, which is then the sign that it is acceptable for the guests to leave their seats.

1. Bride and Groom
2. Bridesmaids and Groomsmen in pairs
3. Flower Girl and Ring Bearer, depending on their age and ability

Ushering of mothers, grandmothers, other special guests:

1. Bride's mother/parents
2. Groom's mother/parents
3. Bride's Grandmother
4. Groom's Grandmother

(NOTE: Typically, we do not like to have ladies (grandmothers) exit the church unescorted. This would be untraditional and may make them feel uncomfortable)

The ushers will come up the side aisle and be waiting to escort the Bride's mother, followed by the bride's father. Alternatively, the parents could walk out together as a pair. See order above.

Please consider your actions once you finish the recessional. Will you be walking straight out the door to the limos? Will you be taking pictures in the sanctuary? Will the guests be throwing rice/bubbles/birdseed?

The bride and groom/ bridal party may want to "hide" in the balcony while the guests file out, then make a grand exit, or may want to form a receiving line.

Notes:

Ladies are escorted on the man's left arm.

When escorting a lady, wait for her to sit down, and then return up the center aisle.

Ushers:

Greet the guest, "Hello, nice to see you, thanks for coming, etc. Can I show you to your seat? Bride or Groom?"

The Bride's family sits on the left hand side, the Groom's on the right hand side.

We will ring the church bell once the wedding is over and the bride and groom are exiting the church. Children age 5 and up are welcome to come "help" ring the bell. Littler ones are usually bothered by the noise, but are welcome if they are up to it.