

First Church in Cambridge
WORSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY
April 26, 2018

These guidelines pertain to photography of WORSHIP at First Church in Cambridge, whether in the Sanctuary, Lindsay Chapel, Margaret Jewett Hall, or elsewhere in the building. The purpose of this policy is to enable photography to take place as appropriate, with the least possible disruption to worship. We encourage the creation and sharing of images of our life together! And at the same time, we wish that cameras not become obtrusive nor detract from the sanctity of worship.

GUIDELINES

- Photography should be arranged in advance, so that these guidelines can be conveyed.
- Persons photographing worship should contact a worship leader in advance of the actual occasion, to consult about specifics such as which images are desired, any limitations on portions of the service to be photographed, suggestions or limitations on *where* the photos may be taken from, etc.
- Photographers are requested to stay out of the chancel area during worship.
- Cameras should be silent, or as quiet as possible, so as not to disrupt worship.
- Out of respect for the privacy of persons worshipping in the pews, the *subject* of photography should generally be worship leaders and anything that is happening “up front” during the service, rather than those who are sitting in the pews.
- There are some occasions when it may be appropriate to photograph the entire congregation, as the movement of all of us together is the point of worship! Examples: Palm Sunday Processional, All Saints Procession with Puppets.

NOTE: Arrangements can often be made to capture special occasions - either before or after worship - without necessitating photography during worship itself. Examples: portraits of a baptismal family with the font, photographs of New Members on Joining Sundays, special details such as candles, puppets, banners, and the like.