



## **Wedding Photographer Guidelines Zion Lutheran Church Waterville, Ohio**

We welcome you to Zion! If you are a professional photographer or are videotaping the wedding worship service we also thank you for helping to make the bride and groom's wedding day special.

A wedding ceremony is a worship service that lifts up Jesus Christ, through music, scripture, preaching, and the marriage ceremony. Our hope is to give thanks to God for Jesus Christ. In order to achieve this purpose, please follow the guidelines below during the wedding ceremony.

1. The church will be open two hours prior to the wedding for you to begin to take pictures. Pictures can be taken anywhere in the church.
2. Check in with the Bridal Coordinator & the Pastor prior to the worship service, preferably at the rehearsal the night before.
3. No flashes once the worship service begins. Once "the professional" takes pictures with flashes, it gives the guests who are present permission to do the same.
4. As the bridal party begins to walk down the aisle, pictures with flashes can be taken. Once the bride is halfway down the aisle, please go to the back of the church. There you may take pictures during the service, but please no flashes.
5. Following the benediction from the Pastor, you may walk from the back of the church down the aisle to the middle and begin to take pictures with flashes.

Thank you, in advance for cooperating with these guidelines.