

[CHURCH NAME]

Photo and Video Policy

The purpose of this policy is to let you know that at [Church Name] we value the way in which photos, videos and other media help our faith community grow and flourish. Photos and videos tell our story, provide visitors information and an idea of what to expect when they attend our worship services and events, highlight the work of those who serve, and allow us to communicate our mission as a church for people who don't go to church via our website and other digital and print media.

Accordingly, photography, videography, live streaming and other recording may be in progress at [Church Name]'s church services, ministry activities, classes, programs and other church events. [Church Name] may use the media recorded at these events in materials produced by or for the church, including but limited to our bulletins, posters, brochures, newsletters and other printed and electronic materials, digital media (e.g., [Church Name]'s website, Facebook and other social media sites).

By participating in [Church Name]'s church services, ministry activities, classes, programs and other events:

1. You consent to be photographed, videotaped or otherwise recorded;
2. You grant your permission for [Church Name] to use recordings containing your image, likeness, voice or statements, without compensation, credit or other consideration to you, for [Church Name]'s promotional, publicity and other purposes, throughout the world and in perpetuity;
3. And you agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify [Church Name] from any and all liabilities and claims involving the use of your image, likeness, voice or statements.

While we reserve the right to photograph and record church events, we strive to ensure that photography and videography are used in safe and positive ways. We will not knowingly and intentionally post any photo, video or other recording that would be embarrassing, objectionable or hurtful to any clearly, personally identifiable individual in the recording.

Additionally, if you see a photo on a [Church Name] website or social media page that includes you or your child and would prefer it be removed, please contact [Contact Name] at [Contact email or phone]. Please note we cannot remove your image from video or live stream messages. Please understand that [Church Name] has no control over the recording, use and posting of images or other media by non-church staff (e.g., by community members, news outlets) and no ability to remove such media from publications, including internet or social media sites, that are not run by [Church Name].