



# Processional Questionnaire + Sample Order of Ceremony

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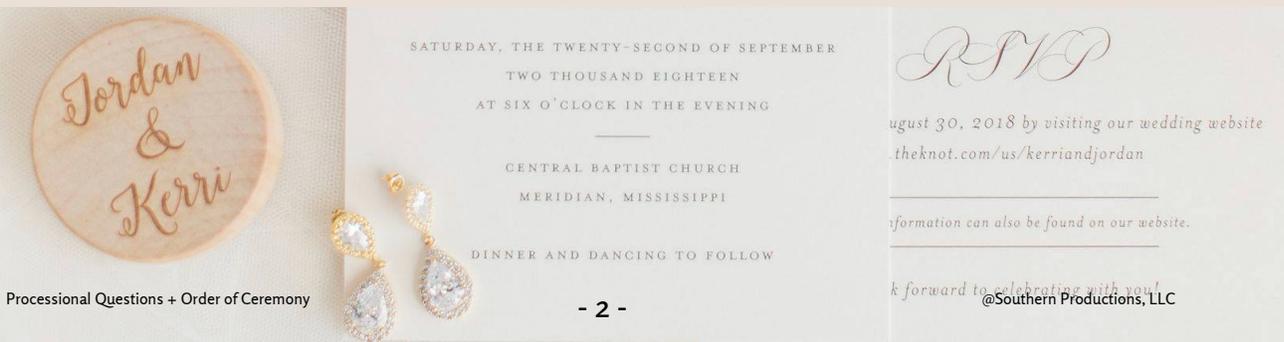
# Before you dive in:

Learn the exact questions I ask couples that aid me in preparing their order of ceremony that's used for directing purposes

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We always meet with couples about a month-two weeks before their wedding at the ceremony venue to go over the order of ceremony and wedding day schedule. It's very important that we have the order of ceremony prepared before this meeting to ensure a more productive meeting. Once the client completes the questionnaire I get started on their order of ceremony. I always email them a copy to look over before we meet (& I bring a copy for everyone attending the meeting).

At this meeting we always discuss where everyone will stand, sit, who escorts who, etc. We make sure the client is comfortable with the order and where the family is seated. We always tell the couple they are welcome to make any changes at rehearsal and they may want to once they see everyone in place. We go over where the musicians will be seated at, where any scripture readers will sit, and where parents of children in the wedding will sit in case a child acts up or in case the child will be going to sit with them once they walk down the aisle.



# Here's the questions we ask...

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List the order you want the Bridesmaids to stand in during the ceremony, starting with the Maid of Honor; whom will stand closest to the bride.

List the order you want the Groomsmen to stand in during the ceremony, starting with the Best Man, whom will stand closest to the groom.

Do you want the Groomsmen to escort the Bridesmaids in? Or do you want the Groomsmen to all walk out with the Officiant, Groom, and Best Man?

Will the Flower Girl(s) stand during the ceremony?

List the name and age of the Flower Girl(s):

Will the Ring Bearer(s) stand during the ceremony?

List the name and age of the Ring Bearer(s):

Who will escort the Bride down the aisle? List their name and relationship to to the Bride:

Who will usher in the Bride's Parents?

Who will usher in the Bride's Maternal Grandparents if they will be in attendance? List their names and the name of the Usher:

Who will usher in the Bride's Paternal Grandparents if they will be in attendance? List their names and the name of the Usher.

Who will usher in the Groom's Parents?

Who will usher in the Groom's Maternal Grandparents if they will be in attendance? List their names and the name of the Usher.

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Who will usher in the Groom's Paternal Grandparents if they will be in attendance? List their names and the name of the Usher:

Do you want Grandparents to sit on the row behind Parents or on the same row?

Do you want to leave the first row or pew empty or do you want your Parents sitting in the first row? It's a common practice in church weddings to leave the first row empty and to have the Parents sitting in the second row.

How many reserved rows will you have/need for extended family?

If you are having Honorary Bridesmaids and/or Honorary Groomsman where do you want them to sit?

Is there any other family members or special people you want escorted in during the processional?

Do you want the Grandparents escorted out during the Recessional or do you want them to remain seated?

# The Order of Ceremony

## **Prelude**

### **Seating of the Family**

Groom's Paternal Grandparents  
Groom's Maternal Grandparents  
Bride's Paternal Grandparents  
Bride's Maternal Grandparents  
Groom's Parents  
Bride's Mother (Or Parents)

### **Processional**

Officiant, Groom and Best Man (& all Groomsmen; if desired)  
Bridesmaid 4 escorted by Groomsman 4  
Bridesmaid 3 escorted by Groomsman 3  
Bridesmaid 2 escorted by Groomsman 2  
Bridesmaid 1 escorted by Groomsman 1  
Maid of Honor  
Ring Bearer  
Flower Girl

### **Bridal Processional**

Bride escorted by her Father, walking on his LEFT

### **Call to Worship**

### **The Giving of the Bride**

### **Pastor's Charge**

### **Reading of the Scripture**

### **Exchange of Vows**

### **Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

### **Prayer**

### **Declaration of Marriage**

### **Presentation of the Bride and Groom**

### **Recessional**

Bride and Groom  
Flower Girl  
Ring Bearer  
Maid of Honor escorted by Best Man  
Bridesmaid 1 escorted by Groomsman 1  
Bridesmaid 2 escorted by Groomsman 2  
Bridesmaid 3 escorted by Groomsman 3  
Bridesmaid 4 escorted by Groomsman 4  
Parents of the Bride  
Parents of the Groom  
Maternal Grandparents of the Bride  
Paternal Grandparents of the Bride  
Maternal Grandparents of the Groom  
Paternal Grandparents of the Groom

### **Postlude**

# Sample Order of Ceremony

## **Prelude**

### **Seating of the Family**

Mary Farmer escorted by Anthony Adams - Right side, 1st row, 3rd seat  
LeAnne Williams escorted by John Carter - Left side, 2nd row, 3rd & 4th seat  
LV Ham escorted by Russell Ham - Left side, 2nd row, 1st & 2nd seat  
Dolores Robinson escorted by Matt Robinson - Right side, 1st row, 1st & 2nd seat  
Michelle Thomas escorted by Lee Thomas - Left side, 1st row, 2nd seat

### **Processional**

Officiant, Michael and Best Man Paul Robinson enter from side  
Anna McMahan escorted by Wes Laird  
Margaret Griffin escorted by Patrick Gardner  
Lauren Graham escorted by Jack Brady  
Katie Bruister escorted by Samuel Duke  
Maid of Honor Hannah Thomas  
Ring Bearer Carter McKee  
Flower Girl Rose Robinson

### **Bridal Processional**

Kinsey escorted by her Father, Lee Thomas, walking on his LEFT

### **Call to Worship**

### **The Giving of the Bride**

### **Pastor's Charge**

### **Reading of the Scripture**

### **Exchange of Vows**

### **Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

### **Prayer**

### **Declaration of Marriage**

### **Presentation of the Bride and Groom**

### **Recessional**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson  
Flower Girl Rose Robinson  
Ring Bearer Carter McKee  
Maid of Honor Hannah Thomas escorted by Best Man Paul Robinson  
Katie Bruister escorted by Samuel Duke  
Lauren Graham escorted by Jack Brady  
Margaret Griffin escorted by Patrick Gardner  
Anna McMahan escorted by Wes Laird  
Michelle Thomas escorted by Lee Thomas  
Delores Robinson escorted by Matt Robinson  
LV Ham escorted by Russel Ham  
LeAnne Williams escorted by John Carter  
Mary Farmer escorted by Anthony Adams

### **Postlude**