### **GENERAL WEDDING CEREMONY OVERVIEW**

(Can easily be adjusted to fit your unique needs)

## **Pre-Ceremony Music**

Pre-Ceremony music playlist will begin at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the ceremony (and typically continue until Bridesmaids entrance).

### **Seat the Mother of the Bride**

Signals the unofficial "start" of the ceremony. Mother should be escorted down the center aisle and seated in the first row on the left side.

### **Seat the Mother of the Groom**

Mother should be escorted down the center aisle and seated in the first row on the right side. Father of the Groom may follow behind.

## **Groomsmen Entrance**

Groomsmen should line up single-file behind the Officiant, starting with the Groom, Best Man and so-on. Men will typically be led down the side aisle by the officiant.

### **Bridesmaids Entrance**

Music will change to the "Bridesmaids Processional" song to signal Bridesmaids to enter. Bridesmaids should process down the center aisle one-by-one starting with the Bridesmaid situated the furthest from the bride. Wait until one bridesmaid is a reasonable distance down the aisle before beginning the next Bridesmaid's procession.

# Flower Girl/Ring Bearer Entrance

Flower Girl(s) and Ring Bearer(s) may enter separately or together and process down the center aisle to the front of the ceremony. They may then sit or remain standing with the rest of the wedding party.

## **Bride Entrance**

After a brief pause (to build anticipation), the "Bridal Processional" song will begin playing to signal the Bride (and her escort) to begin their processional down the center aisle. Officiant may signal guests to rise and welcome the Bride once she enters.

## **Presentation of the Bride**

Father of the Bride (or other escort) "presents" the Bride to the Groom.

# **Ceremony**

Officiant performs the ceremony as planned.

# **Recessional**

"Recessional" song will begin after the officiant closes the ceremony. Bride and groom exit first, followed by Bridesmaids and Groomsmen who will link arms and walk to the rear of the center aisle and exit.