

Taking Photos in Church and Sharing Policy

Taking photos and documenting life events is commonplace now and more and more common in church settings. Lots of members are asking about taking photos at church events and wondering how to share them and to avoid confusion, we came up with some guidelines.

Our communications team publishes photos on the church social media channels, and the church website. If you want to submit photos for consideration, we welcome photos of worship, events, and concerts. Please send as jpg's. You may also send family photos such as a new baby, graduation, or milestone and with your permission it will be posted on the church family news section of our website. (Ministries > Church Family News)

You may send your photos and short videos to our communications team via email to:

Amy Melvin: communications@whfirstchurch.org and Joy Taylor: communications2@whfirstchurch.org

If you want to share photos on your own social media channels, we have the following guidelines to help you.

| Do's | Don'ts |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do "check-in" on-line when you attend worship or an event and include a photo of the scene, the speaker, group photo, or the building. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't "check-in" with a selfie. Group photos are great, but selfies belong on the "influencer" channels and not on church pages. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do follow us on Facebook and Instagram and do tag the church with @whfirstchurch or #whfirstchurch. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't tag the church at non-church sponsored events. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do keep your phone volume off when taking photos to be mindful of others around you. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't block the view for others with your phone/camera. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do take photos of children as long as you have permission. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't take photos of children if you aren't sure about permission to share. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do have fun and encourage folks to pose for you. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't be intrusive. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do get close to your subject to see the faces; use your zoom options. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't stand too far away from the subject. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do edit yourself! Take a bunch, but toss the bad ones. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't send us every photo from an event. |



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