





## *Guide to Wedding and Commitment Ceremonies*

*We are delighted that you are considering having your special occasion at First Parish in Milton, and we will do everything we can to assist you on your special day. We hope the following information will be helpful as you plan your event.*

### **Meetinghouse:**

Our historic Meetinghouse, built in 1787, is beautiful and spacious, seating up to 330 people. It is a classic New England setting for a wedding. It boasts a state-of-the-art sound system, listening assist devices, and professional digital audio recording capability. We have handicap accessible seating areas.

Our Meetinghouse aisle is approximately 60 feet long. WE DO NOT have air conditioning in the Meetinghouse.

**Rev. Lisa Ward** is the church Minister. If you would like to have her perform your ceremony, please contact her. Or if you choose to use your own minister, have him or her reach Rev. Ward at 617-698-6329. She is not in the building on Mondays or Fridays.

**Music Director** is Tim Steele.

### **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AT FIRST PARISH**

The Organ Loft in the Meetinghouse is home to a 3-manual 43-rank Schlicker pipe organ.

- Also in the Meetinghouse are a 7-foot Mason and Hamlin grand piano and a Kurzweil digital piano
- At the front of the Children's Church is a three-rank Noack cabinet pipe organ, given in memory of Elizabeth Ayer in 1967.

**Flowers:** We ask that every effort be made to protect the wood from wet vases or containers. Please make arrangements in advance for deliveries.

**Marriage License:** A Massachusetts marriage license is required for all legal wedding services. It is obtained from the clerk of the municipality of town of your Massachusetts residence or for non-residences in the municipality or town of the wedding service. To contact the Clerk at Milton Town Hall please call (617) 898-4859. Please bring with you to the first meeting with the Reverend Lisa Ward.

**Photography:** Use of the grounds is permitted and there are plenty of pretty spots for pictures. Adjacent to our church is the Baron Hugo Gazebo on the Town Green located in front of the Milton Town Hall.

**Bridal Party waiting area:** The bridal party may use the Chase Parlor to wait prior to the service.

**Parking** – Our church grounds provide ample parking opportunities for your guests. We can also coordinate with Town Hall for additional parking if necessary. One to two wedding vehicles will be permitted to park right in front of the church doors.

**Smoking:** First Parish in Milton is a smoke-free building and grounds.

**Restrooms** are located near the Church offices and are handicap accessible.

First Parish welcomes wedding inquiries from people of all backgrounds.