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Wedding Processional Examples

The following are examples of different processions. There are no set rules about how it should be done, but these are some guidelines to follow.

Generally, the Bride's family is on the left facing the minister and the Groom's family is on the right. Read through and you'll get the idea. (Front rows should be reserved for family members.) The flower girl always goes right before the bride.

Generally, the bride and groom (usually the bride) are the ones who ultimately decide how people are going to walk, but as the minister, you will most certainly be asked the question. It's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the different options so you can be knowledgeable when you are asked.

Example 1

Groom, Best Man, and Groomsmen start at altar
Mother of the Bride seated by Usher
Mother of the Groom seated by Usher
Bridesmaids walking alone
Maid of Honor walking alone
Flower Girl/Ring Bearer
Bride



Example 2

Best Man seats Mother of the Bride (stands by altar)
Groom seats Mother of the Groom (stands by altar)
Ring Bearer
Maid of Honor walks alone
Flower Girl
Bride



Example 3

Groom waits at the altar
Mother of the Bride seated by Usher
Mother of the Groom seated by Usher
Groomsmen each walk down with a Bridesmaid
Best Man walks Maid of Honor
Flower Girl/Ring Bearer
Bride

Example 4

Best Man seats Mother of the Bride
Groom seats Mother of the Groom (waits at altar)
Best Man has meanwhile walked back around (not up the aisle)
Groomsmen walk Bridesmaids
Ring bearer
Best Man walks down Maid of Honor
Flower Girl
Bride

