

Our Columbarium

*Though you are no longer with us, your memory
will forever remain in our hearts...*



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Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

Our Columbarium provides a place for interring the cremated remains of Church members and their loved ones. It returns us to the age-old custom of interring loved ones in the churchyard, near where they were baptized, married, and nurtured in the Christian faith. This brochure is designed to help answer any questions you may have about our Columbarium. We are always here to help you.

What is a Columbarium?

Our Columbarium is a permanent wall structure of niches created to hold the ashes of loved ones who have been cremated. It is located in our fountain courtyard directly beside South Fulton Street. The term Columbarium comes from Latin and means “the dwelling place of the dove.” Christians believe the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Our Columbarium provides a peaceful and respectful atmosphere close to our places of worship. This enables family and friends to visit and pray for those who have passed away into eternity.

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

Our Columbarium allows church members and their immediate family the opportunity to have their final resting place onsite at First Presbyterian Salisbury. This closeness may be a blessing for someone who dearly loved their church and for whom involvement was central to their life.

Simplicity of Burial Arrangements

Cremation eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault, or monument. It provides a place for interment near the Sanctuary, eliminating the need for dual services at the church and cemetery.

Substantial Financial Savings

The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation is significantly lower than the cost of a casket, burial site, and gravestone.

Who May Be Laid to Rest

The columbarium is reserved for use by First Presbyterian members and their immediate family. Other considerations will be decided by the Columbarium Committee.

How may I purchase a niche?

First, obtain an application from the church office. Then submit the completed application along with payment in full to the Business Administrator.

What charges are involved?

The cost of an interment niche is \$2000. Each niche may house one or two cremains in urns. The cost of cremation, urns, and engraving is not covered in the above costs. (Engraving is included with the Memorial Plaque). Niches must be fully paid prior to use. Upon request, the church will hold on file a statement of your funeral wishes and plans.

How many niches are there?

There are 152 double niches; each niche is large enough to hold two urns. Each niche is covered with a granite plate, which will be engraved with the name(s) and dates of birth and death of the deceased.

What is the size of each niche?

The inside dimensions of the niche are 9" deep, 13" wide, and 9 ½" high.

What other memorial items are available?

The Columbarium also has an area for memorial plaques and a walkway for memorial bricks. These commemoratives are to honor members of the church and their immediate families who have been interred in our Columbarium or elsewhere.

Cost:

Memorial plaque \$500

Memorial brick \$200

May I select the niche I want?

Niches will be assigned by the Business Administrator in accordance with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-served, fully-paid basis.

If I have no family member to share a niche, will someone else's cremains be placed in my niche?

No. Normally, only a family member's cremains whom you select will share your niche. However, if two unrelated persons who are otherwise eligible for inurnment so choose, they may share a niche and its cost.

What happens if I purchase a niche and decide later not to use it?

The purchaser upon written notification may surrender an unused niche back to the church. A refund will be issued for the purchase amount less a \$500.00 administrative fee. Payments made for yet to be engraved memorial plaques and memorial bricks will be refunded in full. The church will maintain records of the Columbarium, showing all uses and reservations for future use.

May we have a Memorial Service? Memorial services can be arranged at a time that is convenient for the family and the church staff.



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I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.
John 11:25-26