

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE COLUMBARIUM?

Administration, operation, and maintenance of the Columbarium is the responsibility of the Session, which may delegate this authority to the Columbarium Committee.

HOW MANY NICHES ARE THERE?

The Columbarium has 96 niches; each with the capacity to hold up to four urns.

WHO DO I CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION?

You may call the church office at 522-9804 to be put in touch with a member of the Columbarium Committee.



Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church's Columbarium will hold true to our Christian heritage, accommodating those who choose the sanctity of their church as an enduring place of rest.

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Knoxville, TN 522-9804

THE COLUMBARIUM

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church



The Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian 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.

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WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

Columbarium in early Rome meant, simply, a nesting place for doves. But when Christians relegated to Rome's catacombs began using cliff-side niches to seal away ashes of the faithful who died, Columbarium took on its present meaning: a permanent structure designed to inter urns containing cremated human remains.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

It affords church members and their families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the environs of the church which has been central to their lives, a site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit.

Simplicity of Arrangements

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

Substantial Financial Savings

The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation are less than the cost of a casket, burial site and gravestone.

WHO MAY BE INURNED IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

Inurnment (interment of cremation remains) in the SHPC Columbarium will be limited to members or past members of this Church, and members of their immediate families. Immediate family will include spouse, parents, stepparents, grandparents or step grandparents, children or stepchildren, grandchildren or step grandchildren, and spouses of any of the above. Also, ministers or former ministers of the Church and their immediate families (as defined above) are eligible.

WHERE IS THE COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?

It is located in the church office, adjacent to the Fowler Conference Room.

HOW MUCH WILL A NICHE COST?

Each niche will cost \$1,500. This includes inurnment, the inscription of the niche plaque and perpetual care. It does not include the cost of cremation or the urn.

HOW MUCH DOES CREMATION COST?

Prices vary, but there are reputable crematoria in our area which offer cremation at \$1,500 or less.

HOW DOES OUR FAMILY ARRANGE FOR CREMATION?

You will receive a list of reputable firms, along with their prices, to help you make your selection. You may make these arrangements in advance of need.

WHAT ABOUT THE "RESURRECTION OF THE BODY?"

In the Apostles' Creed we affirm our belief in the "resurrection of the body." Does cremation keep us from experiencing that triumph? No.

In I Corinthians 15:35-50 the Apostle Paul answers this question. In verses 36-38 he explains that the body disposed of is not the resurrection body we inherit: "*When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed...but God gives it a body as He has determined ...*"

Continuing, Paul explains (verses 42-44): "*The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory...It is sown a natural body and it is raised a spiritual body.*"

After contrasting Adam, who was made of dust, with Jesus, who is "from heaven" (verses 45-48), Paul concludes: "*And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*" (verses 49-50)

WHEN MAY LOVED ONES VISIT THE COLUMBARIUM?

The Columbarium is located indoors, and you may visit at anytime the Church office is open.

MAY I SELECT THE NICHE LOCATION I WANT?

Niche locations will be assigned by the Columbarium Committee in accordance with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW MAY I PURCHASE A NICHE?

Secure and complete an application form, available in the Church office. Submit it, along with payment in full, to the Columbarium Committee.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF EACH NICHE?

11.25" x 11.25" x 18.5"

WHAT HAPPENS IF I PURCHASE A NICHE AND LATER, FOR ANY REASON, DECIDE NOT TO USE IT?

The Columbarium Committee will repurchase your niche for the same price at which you purchased it. The niche cannot be sold to anyone other than the SHPC Columbarium Committee.

WHAT IF I HAVE MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS?

Contact the facility with which those arrangements were made to learn how they might be terminated. Often it is possible to sell the space back to the cemetery or mausoleum. Otherwise, you may sell it through use of advertising in the newspaper.