

## COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION

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The Trinity Columbarium is located between our front entrance and the sanctuary.

For an application or for more information, please visit the Trinity website at [www.trinitypreschurch.org/columbarium](http://www.trinitypreschurch.org/columbarium), or call the church at 704.366.3554,

Return completed applications to:

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For many centuries, cemeteries were commonly found in churchyards. However, in the crowded urban communities of today, this is no longer practical. A modern alternative is the columbarium, which allows church members and their families to have their enduring resting place in the shadow of the church. It fulfills the church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation, from baptism through life to death.

# The Trinity Columbarium



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*My parents, Moffatt and Betsy Sherard, have had their prayers answered by the church where they got married, where my father sang in the choir, and where they raised their five children. When they heard that Trinity was planning for a Columbarium, they knew that the final chapter of being together and still being a part of Trinity was answered by God! God has truly blessed this church and my family!*

—John Sherard

*Since 1978, Trinity has nourished us and our children, and we are forever grateful. We are pleased that we will have a symbolic place at our beloved church home.*

—Phil & Lisa Tappy

*The Trinity Columbarium is more than just a structure - it's a ministry. With our columbarium, people will be forever tied to the church they love, and to the church that forever loves them. I'm so grateful our church family has this new holy space.*

—Dr. Steve Lindsley

### **WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?**

A columbarium is a permanent structure with niches or compartments designed to hold the urns containing the ashes of loved ones. "Columbarium" comes from the Latin word *Columbarius* and originally referred to compartmentalized housing for doves and pigeons, or a "dovecote." The Trinity Columbarium has 106 niches and is located between the front entrance and the sanctuary, just off of the Memorial Garden.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?**

*Spiritual Site for Final Rest* – It affords church members and their families the opportunity to have their final resting place within the shadow of the church, which has been a central part of their lives. It is a sacred site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and meditate any time.

*Simplicity of Planning* – It eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument. Also, there is no need to plan for interment and memorial services at different locations.

*Faithful Stewardship* – The costs of cremation and a niche in the columbarium are significantly less than the costs of a casket, burial site, and marker.

### **WHO MAY USE THE COLUMBARIUM?**

Interment is limited to past or present members of Trinity and members of their immediate family, including spouses, parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren.

### **HOW DO I PURCHASE A NICHE?**

Please visit [trinitypreschur.ch.org/columbarium](http://trinitypreschur.ch.org/columbarium) or call the church office at 704.366.3554 for an application. Our office staff will be happy to help you in the process. Niches can be purchased any time.

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEE?**

The fee for a niche is \$950. Each niche is designed to hold up to two urns. An additional fee of approximately \$400 is incurred at the time of death, which includes the opening and closing of the niche for interment, as well as the brass plaques inscribed with name and dates of birth and death. The fee does not cover the cost of cremation, which is often organized with the funeral home.

### **MAY I SELECT MY NICHE?**

Yes, niche assignments are allocated in accordance with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-serve basis. Niche selections are handled through our church office. The niche fee must be paid in full before a niche can be reserved.

