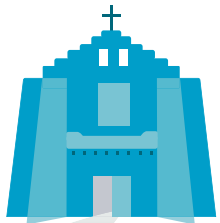


Columbarium

Informational packets are available in the church office for persons with an interest in purchasing space in the Columbarium. The pastor or a member of the Columbarium Committee will be glad to meet with individuals or families interested knowing more about the theological and practical aspects of a Columbarium and the specific procedures concerning the First Presbyterian Church Columbarium.



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In life and in death we belong to God.

A note from the Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

The church has traditionally been a full service institution—from birth, baptism, confirmation, graduation, and marriage, to death—with all kinds of ministry in between. We ultimately go death's way, but it need not be a time of fear and emptiness. Having a Columbarium within our building—in our Chapel no less—surrounds us and our loved ones with a symbol of God's presence, in life and death. The Columbarium provides a manner through which we can honor our loved ones, surrounding their ashes with the continual love, faith and devotion of the church community.

What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a permanent structure made up of spaces where family members can place urns containing the ashes (or cremains) of cremated loved ones. The word Columbarium is derived from a Latin word that means “dwelling place of a dove.” The dove, of course, has long symbolized in Christian tradition the embodiment of the Holy Spirit. What a lovely way to think of your family members sharing a space in the “dwelling place of a dove.”

Where is the Columbarium at First Presbyterian Church?

The Columbarium of the First Presbyterian Church is located in the McFarland Chapel. The first phase of the wall was funded by Phil and Dinny Fisher, former members of First Presbyterian Church. The Columbarium was dedicated on September 22, 2013 with Mr. & Mrs. Fisher present for the ceremony.

Columbariums have grown in numbers as more and more people are choosing cremation for themselves or family members. The vast majority of these facilities are in Churches representing virtually every Christian denomination. We are very blessed to have a Columbarium at First Presbyterian Church. There is space and plans to expand the wall as it grows.

A note from benefactors Phil & Dinny Fisher

Our first exposure to First Presbyterian Church was 1953 to 1959 when we lived in Los Alamos. Our ten years of membership (1993–2004) at FPC in Santa Fe were some of the happiest of our 65 years of marriage. Dinny served on many committees, including Deacons. We wanted to give something back to First Presbyterian Church so we helped with the Columbarium. We have selected it to be our final resting place.

What does a Columbarium mean to church members and family members?

A Columbarium on church grounds provides a final resting place with special meaning for church members for whom involvement in the church was an important part of life on earth. It provides a spiritually meaningful place where families can memorialize their loved ones. As one member said, “It is a place where ashes may be placed. It may be in a garden or within a church. My Mother will be resting inside the church. It makes me feel safe, knowing she's inside; knowing she's safe, nestled within the church. She's in a place where I can go during any kind of weather. She will be inside, cared for and remembered by the church always. Her being there just makes sense to me—seems the right thing to do.”

Who is eligible to purchase the right of inurnment?

- Members or former members of First Presbyterian Church
- Ministers who have served in the church
- Friends who have participated in the life and worship of the church

How much does it cost to purchase space in the Columbarium?

- \$1,100 for a single individual in an urn in half of a niche
- \$1,600 for a single individual who chooses to purchase an entire niche
- \$1,800 for two individuals from same family

Whom do I contact for more information?

Call the church office at 505.982.8544 or e-mail office@fpcsantafe.org.