

Columbaria Frequently Asked Questions

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My loved one passed away recently and the cremains are on my mantel. Is there any problem moving them to the columbaria?

- Not really. Because they are companion niches, and have room for two urns, each urn is specially sized to fit the niche. The cremains would be simply transferred from the current urn to one designed for the columbarium.

I have a reservation for buried cremains in the Memorial Garden. Can I transfer that reservation to the columbaria?

- Yes. The total amount you paid for the reservation will be applied to the cost of the niche in the columbaria.

My loved one's ashes are buried in the current Memorial Garden. Can I buy a niche and have the cremains moved to the columbaria?

- Absolutely. The church has thorough records of where all cremains are located.

What does a niche in the columbaria cost?

- The cost is \$1,250.

Is that the total cost?

- That is the total cost for now. When the need occurs, there will be additional cost for the urn and engraving. Today, those costs \$75 and \$200 respectively. If you like, you may prepay those costs now with the niche purchase.

What is the eligibility for the columbaria?

- The cremains of members of Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church, of regular participants who consider this to be their church home, and of their loved ones are welcome in the columbarium. That includes spouses, parents, children, etc.

Why should I buy a niche now and not just wait until it is needed?

- There are at least three reasons for buying a niche now. 1) You can choose your location. Generally speaking, niches at or near eye level are more desirable than the bottom rows. 2) Once the columbaria are ordered, the price may be somewhat higher. 3) The most important reason, though, is that it will help the church; with a successful pre-sale, the dream of adding a columbarium to our new Memorial Garden will be assured.

How many niches are available during this pre-sale?

- There is no real limit. The goal is 40, however, to make the project happen.

How many niches will there be in total?

- Current plan is to build two columbaria, each with 77 niches. That is 154 niches total.

What happens if I cannot use the niche? Maybe I change my mind and decide to be buried in a plot with my children.

- It's your niche. You can resell it. You probably will have a more desirable location than is then available from the church, so there should be no problem finding a buyer.