

Columbarium

For hundreds of years, Christians have buried their deceased in cemeteries adjacent to their places of worship. The close proximity of these churchyard cemeteries enabled friends and family members to regularly visit the final resting place of their loved ones, keeping their memories alive.

A lack of space has hindered this old tradition, especially in urban areas where land is scarce. But with the growing acceptance of cremation, the old Churchyard cemetery has been in some cases, replaced by the Columbarium and Memorial Garden.

The first Presbyterian Church Columbarium is a place of peace and beauty. Here the ashes of cremated individuals are inurned in niches within the wall. Each niche is identified by a bronze plaque which bears the name and years of birth and death of the individual inurned there. The columbarium is located adjacent to the sanctuary and accessed through the doors on the east side of the narthex.

The cost of each niche is \$1,800 and includes inurnment as well as the bronze plaque. This cost can be prepaid or the church has a payment plan available. Each purchaser will receive a Certificate of Ownership.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden has been designed to enhance the Church and Columbarium and to set aside areas where ashes may be placed in the earth. The Garden will become a part of the life of this Church. It is the hope that the garden will become a gathering place for Church activities.

The landscaping and seating provide a private place to go for comfort and prayer. Those with ashes placed in the Garden will have a bronze plaque placed on the cenotaph wall in their memory. The fee for scattering privileges and the plaque is \$650 and will include the full name and years of birth and death.

A bronze plaque in memory of loved ones interred elsewhere may also be placed on the cenotaph wall in the Garden. The fee for this memorial is \$500.

Jesus didn't come to explain away suffering or to remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.



Our Religious traditions

From the earliest of times, people have been concerned about their final earthly resting place, especially that it be near the gathering place of their families so that each may be held in lasting, loving remembrance.

In earlier Christian times, preferred burial space was within the Church itself where the faithful gathered for a memorial service.

When space within the church was no longer available, the Churchyard cemetery developed. Only in recent times have burial grounds far removed from community centers of life and prayer, been used.

Consideration of the spiritual and the practical aspects of cremation and inurnment have been revived. Cremation is a reverent method of disposition of our earthly remains and acceptable to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

For example, in Westminster Abbey, cremation has been preferred to burial since the turn of this century. The cremated earthly remains are preserved in niches in a Columbarium fittingly designed and prepared.

"..And remember, I am with you always,
To the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

Special Gifts

First Presbyterian Church also welcomes gifts in memory or in honor of individuals. All contributions received will be used exclusively for further development, new plantings and perpetual care of the Memorial Garden.

... "and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?
John 11:26

First Presbyterian Church
MEMORIAL GARDEN
Plymouth, Michigan

Further Information

If you are interested in additional information or in reserving a niche space(s), please contact the church office.

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I am interested in the First Presbyterian Church Columbarium/Memorial Garden.

Please contact me with additional information

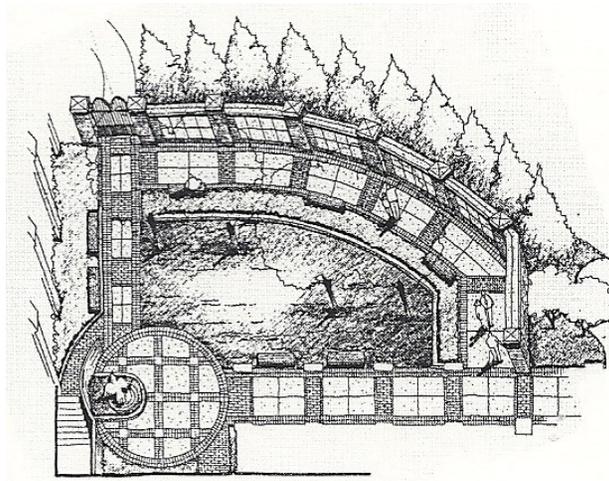
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