



CHRIST *our* KING Presbyterian Church USA

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Columbarium Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is a Columbarium?

The Columbarium at Christ Our King is an alternative to traditional burial. A columbarium provides a peaceful final resting place for cremated remains, allowing parishioners to be close to the spiritual environment of their church. The COK Columbarium is on the west side of the sanctuary surrounded by a garden. The structure contains 72 niches. A bench is provided for quiet mediation and prayer. The work *columbarium* comes from the Latin ""Columba", meaning dove.





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2. What is a niche?

A niche is a compartment within the columbarium which holds one cylindrical urn containing ashes also known as cremains. Each niche holds the ashes of one individual.



3. How will it be marked?

Each niche has a brass name plate which covers the opening for the cylinder containing the ashes. The name plate gives the individual's full name, date of birth and date of death. At the time of purchase the name plate only has the individual's name and date of birth.





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4. How will the columbarium be maintained?

The columbarium committee has the responsibility of overseeing the perpetual care of the columbarium and surrounding garden. A fund is designated for the maintenance of the columbarium as determined by the committee members.



5. Can I put my pet's ashes with mine?

No. Only the cremated remains of individuals can be interred into the cylinders for the niches.

6. What are the costs?

A niche for one individual costs \$2,500 which includes the engraving of the end cap of the cylinder, engraving of the brass nameplate, and one stainless steel cylinder for the cremated remains of one individual. The opening of the niche at the time of death also included in the



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initial costs. The church reserves the right to increase the costs at any time (refer to terms and conditions).

7. Do I have a choice in where I will be placed in the columbarium?

Yes. A schematic of the available niches will be presented at the time of purchase. An individual can choose among the remaining spaces.

8. What are the terms and conditions of being interred in the Christ Our King Columbarium?

A complete packet of information which includes the terms and conditions, application for interment, guidelines for final arrangements and Certificate of Privilege to Inurn are given to the purchaser of a niche.

9. Who is eligible to purchase a niche? Who can be inurned in the COK Columbarium?

Any current or former member of Christ Our King and his or her spouse/partner and their immediate family are eligible for interment in the Columbarium.

10. Are there extra costs at the time of death and interment?

Yes. The services of a funeral home, pastor, organist, musicians, etc. for a memorial service are the responsibility of the individual or immediate family.

11. Can a funeral service be held?

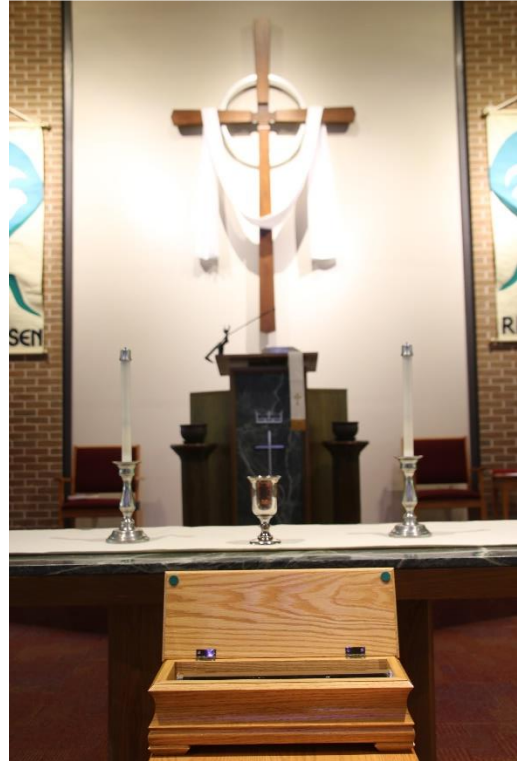
Yes. Cremation is the disposition of the body once death occurs. All of the traditional liturgies can be held.



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12. What if I change my mind? Can I get a refund?

No refunds will be given.



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13. What types of flower, plants or decorations may I place on the niche?

Fresh flowers may be placed but are disposed of routinely. No permanent markers or objects may be left at the columbarium.

14. Can I access the columbarium outside of church hours?

The columbarium is accessible by walking around the outside of the church structure.

15. How do I find out more about the columbarium at Christ Our King?

Please contact a member of the columbarium committee.

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