



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 a columbarium, which allows church members and their families to have their final resting place on church grounds. The Celebration Garden and Columbarium fulfill Trinity's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its members from birth and baptism to a celebration of earthly life and the promise of life eternal.

Who may use Trinity's Columbarium?

Any past or present Trinity members, ordained clergy, past or present employees of the Church, and members of their immediate family to include siblings, spouse, parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren are eligible for interment in the Trinity Celebration Garden.

How do I purchase a niche or memory plaque to honor deceased loved ones?

Please visit tpcmckinney.org/columbarium or call the church office at 214-542-4629 to obtain an Application and Inscription Order Form. Once both forms are returned and approved by the committee, you will be contacted to select the location of your niche or memory plaque.

What is included in the fee?

The fee for a niche includes the urn(s), plaque inscribed with name and dates of birth and death, the opening and closing of the niche for interment, and perpetual care. The fee does not cover the cost of cremation or customary fees and costs associated with memorial services.

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Celebration Garden Columbarium



Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God . . . on either side of the river is the tree of life . . .
Revelation 22:1-2





What is a Columbarium?

A columbarium is a permanent structure with niches or compartments designed to hold urns with the ashes of loved ones. Churches today often construct columbaria as a symbolic statement of the unity of the Christian community.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a columbarium available to its members and their families. Located in the courtyard just outside of Eva Joplin Hall, Trinity's Columbarium has been designed with 120 niches, each with the capacity to hold one or two urns. There are also 84 memory plaques in the columbarium where members may honor deceased loved ones who have been buried elsewhere.



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. The Garden will be a comfort to family members over the generations.

Simplicity of Planning — It eliminates the pressure of choosing a burial site, casket, vault or 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. As land becomes scarce and more expensive, there is a growing need for reverent places for interment that conserve natural resources.

A Garden for All Ages — It serves as a place of reverence and hope but also a place to share a cup of coffee or meet with your small group. You may stroll along the Prayer Walk to read its scriptures, enjoy receptions and weddings to honor the joy of family and friends, and celebrate holidays with musical and dramatic performances in the Garden.

Who is in charge of the Columbarium?

The columbarium located within the Celebration Garden is owned by and is part of Trinity Presbyterian Church of McKinney. Administration, operation and maintenance of the columbarium are the ultimate responsibility of Trinity's Session, which delegates this authority to the Celebration Garden and Columbarium Committee.

