



Shepherd's Columbarium and Memorial Garden

at Shepherd of the Valley
provides a sacred resting
place for those with a
connection to our church.

With a beautifully landscaped
setting, the columbarium and
memorial garden is a place for
peaceful meditation and
prayer among those we have
loved and whose lives and
service we wish to remember.

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*Precious in the sight of
the Lord is the death
of his Saints*

Psalm 116:15

For more information

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Columbarium



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The columbarium is a church ministry.

The events of Christian life are celebrated in churches. A columbarium is part of the church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation, from baptism through life to death.

A columbarium is an expression of Christian faith and love. It honors the tradition of our ancestors who believed in the burial of its members and their families close by the church where they had faithfully served and worshipped.

People want an alternative to in-ground burials.

A columbarium offers beauty, simplicity, and economy. It provides:

Spiritual site for final resting: A columbarium affords those with a connection to the church the opportunity to select a final resting place in the shadow of the church which has been central to their lives; a sacred site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and meditate any time they visit the church.

Simplicity of planning: A columbarium niche eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault, and monument.

Faithful stewardship: With the columbarium, costs are significantly reduced. Cremation and an inurnment ceremony are usually at least 50% less than traditional burials.

Green alternative: Many are looking for environmentally friendly options for all aspects of life. Cremation uses fewer resources than burial, and does not tie up land eternally.

The columbarium and memorial garden has been thoughtfully designed.

The columbarium is a dedicated multi-unit, custom-built structure that houses urns containing the cremated remains of the deceased. A niche is a single independent space in the columbarium in which up to two urns can be placed.

Each niche has a granite plate, which will have an identifying inscription when in use. The inscription shall include the name(s) of the decedents whose remains are placed in the urn, date(s) of birth, and date(s) of death.

When the current columbarium nears capacity, the design calls for two more structures to be built behind the water feature.

The memorial garden allows for remembering loved ones not inurned here.

The whole garden is a peaceful and meditative place for loved ones to come to celebrate, remember, and pray.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the columbarium and garden located?

Shepherd's Columbarium and Memorial Garden is located near the outdoor chapel, east of the sanctuary.

Who may use the columbarium?

Those with a connection to SOTV are invited to purchase a niche or memorial. Anyone is welcome to visit loved the columbarium to remember, meditate, and pray.

What are the costs?

A niche (for one or two people) currently costs \$2,100. Urns that fit the niche space (5.5" x 5.5" x 7") are available for \$85 each. Engraving, done when birth and death dates are known, ranges from \$175-\$235 plus shipping costs.

How can one purchase a niche?

Request a columbarium packet from the Welcome Center or the church office. A reservation form is available in the packet. Upon acceptance of your reservation, you will receive your *Certificate of Inurnment Rights*.

What if I or my loved ones will not be inurned here?

Consider a 4" x 8" memorial on the memorial wall in front of the water feature for \$500, or a donation to the columbarium.

More questions?

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- Request a Columbarium Packet from the Welcome Center or the church office
- Visit our website at sotv.org/columbarium
- Contact the church office at 952.432.6351