

POLICY AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE COLUMBARIUM

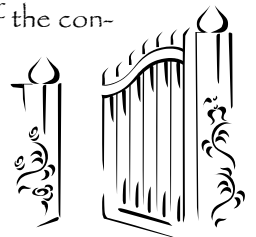
at  
The State College  
Presbyterian Church  
State College  
Pennsylvania



Christians have long desired the provision of space for the mortal remains of the faithful departed in or near their places of worship. Since the days of the catacombs, the ritual of burial on church property or in the church itself has been practiced in many countries, and has the sanction of Christian churches, including the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A Columbarium for the inurnment of ashes has been constructed on the grounds of the State College Presbyterian Church, of State College, Pennsylvania. The Columbarium is located in a Meditation Garden on the east side of the church building.

The columbarium is provided as an extension of the pastoral care ministry of the congregation for the use of present or former parishioners and/or their families.



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# The Columbarium at The State College Presbyterian Church

## ELIGIBILITY FOR INURNMENT

Inurnment in the Columbarium shall be limited to the cremated remains of any member or past member of State College Presbyterian Church, and members of his or her immediate family. Members of his or her immediate family shall include: spouse of the member or past member; parents, step-parents, grandparents or step-grandparents of the member or past member; children or step-children of the member or past member; the spouses of children or step-children of any member or past member; and grandchildren or step-grandchildren of any member or past member. Any minister or former minister and his or her spouse and members of his or her immediate family are also eligible. Requests for the inurnment of others may be honored if recommended by the pastor and approved by the Session.

## CONTRIBUTION

The current one-time contribution to the church for the right of inurnment in the Columbarium is \$2,000 per niche. This fee includes up to two (2) urns, all costs directly associated with inurnment, inscription of names and dates, and perpetual care of the Columbarium. It does not include the cost of cremation, transportation and other off-premises cost. The fee may be changed in the future by the Session. Current holders of Inurnment Rights will neither be reimbursed nor assessed additional costs if the fee changes.



## PURCHASE OF INURNMENT RIGHTS

Each Niche in the Columbarium shall have a capacity of two urns. To purchase inurnment

## BENEVOLENT NICHES

The church shall reserve niches for the use of deceased church members whose circumstances preclude the reservation of a niche. The decisions concerning the use of these niches shall rest with the church's pastors with the knowledge of the columbarium committee.

rights in a niche, an eligible person should obtain a Columbarium packet from the Church office; this packet contains a copy of the Columbarium Policies and Guidelines and all applicable forms.

The applicant should complete all appropriate forms and submit them, with payment of the contribution in full, to the church office. A staff member will contact the applicant to insure that all information is correct and then submit the application to the Session for final approval. When the application is approved, the applicant will have the right to select any niche(s) which may be available at that time. Following niche selection, the applicant will be issued a Certificate of Right of Inurnment.

## CONDITIONS

The columbarium shall be open to visitors at all times the church buildings are open. The times shall be announced and posted. All cremated remains shall be inurned in a columbarium niche with a Christian committal service. State College Presbyterian Church, through its pastors, shall arrange with the family of the deceased for the inurnment of the cremated remains and a committal service.

## LIMITS TO LIABILITY

State College Presbyterian Church shall exercise reasonable and responsible care in maintaining the columbarium. However, the church shall have no liability for any loss of, or damage to the columbarium, the niches, or the cremated remains.

No personal liability, whatsoever, shall be incurred by any person acting on behalf of the church in connection with the columbarium. This brochure is for informational purposes only, full information is given in the Columbarium Policies document available from the church office.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The pastors and members of the office staff will be happy to provide more information and answer questions related to the Columbarium in person, writing, phone or email. Please feel free to contact:

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