

The Columbarium

and Sacred Space Garden



"I am the resurrection and the life, say the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25

Christian Burial and Tradition

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The Columbarium is an arrangement of eighty, brick surrounded niches to hold the cremated remains in those who have died in Christ. Each niche holds up to two urns. Each barre gray, granite faceplate will hold the name, birth date, and death date of the loved one/s.

Inurnment of ashes is available to members and former members of Catonsville Presbyterian Church and their family members.

The Sacred Space Garden is a beautifully landscaped, peaceful area surrounding the Columbarium for visitation and meditation. Engraved pavers are available for those you may want to honor or remember even if they are not inurned. Fees and memorial monies will be used to provide for the care and upkeep of both the Columbarium and garden into perpetuity.

Application and or details regarding the niche spaces may be made through the church office by calling 410-747-6189 or visiting our website www.catonsvillepres.org for policy, applications, and frequently asked questions. All fees are established by the Session and are subject to change.