### COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION REQUEST

The Columbarium is a ministry of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. It is located between the Chapel and the Educational Wing amidst a beautiful garden that is carefully maintained.

The Columbarium Committee, appointed by the Pastor, and approved annually by the Session, oversees the operation of the Columbarium.

For an application or for more information, please visit the PHPC website at www.phpc.org/columbarium, or call the Church at 214.368.6348, ext.113. A pastor or committee member will be honored to visit with you.

#### **Return completed Applications to:**

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church Attn: Columbarium Committee 9800 Preston Road Dallas, Texas 75230 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 the Columbarium, which allows church members and their families to have their enduring resting place in the shadow of the Church. It fulfills the Church's mission to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation, from baptism through life to death.



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"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25







#### WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

A columbarium is a permanent structure with niches or compartments designed to hold the urns containing the ashes of loved ones. The word "columbarium" comes from Latin and originally referred to compartmentalized housing for doves and pigeons, or a "dovecote."

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a Columbarium available to its members and their families. The PHPC Columbarium has 912 niches and is located in a lovely garden between the Chapel and the Educational Wing.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?

Spiritual Site for Final Repose – 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. It is a sacred site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and meditate any time.

Simplicity of Planning – It eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and 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.

#### WHO MAY USE THE COLUMBARIUM?

Inurnment is limited to past or present members of PHPC and members of their immediate family, including spouse, parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren.

#### How do I purchase a niche?

Please visit phpc.org/columbarium or call the Church office at 214.368.6348, ext.113 for an application. Once the application is approved, a certificate covering inurnment ownership rights will be sent to the purchaser.

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEE?

The fee for a niche is \$1,500. This fee includes the urns, the plaques inscribed with name and dates of birth and death, the opening and closing of the niche for inurnment, and perpetual care. Each niche is designed to hold two urns. The fee does not cover the cost of cremation.

#### MAY I SELECT MY NICHE?

Yes, niche assignments are allocated in accordance with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-served basis.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I PURCHASE A NICHE AND DECIDE NOT TO USE IT?

If you decide not to use the niche, the Church will repurchase the niche for the original purchase price. However, once the niche has been used no refund will be made. A niche cannot be sold or transferred and may only be used by those listed in the original purchase.

