

Funeral & Memorial Services

St. David's will do whatever it can to serve you through the grief, celebration, and loss when a loved one dies. Many of our church's services are provided through the generosity of volunteers and donors, and they are offered to you at no charge. Because some services require extra hours from our staff, we pass those costs on to you.

- BASIC FEE for Memorial or Funeral, includes use of the church, narthex, a printed service program, and services of the staff & volunteers. \$300/non-members. No charge for pledging members.
- Use of the narthex for a catered reception included.
- The pastoral care of the church, including Clergy and Lay Pastoral Care Team included.
- Clergy participation for off-site but local burial or interment of remains included.
- Musicians or Soloists TBD.
- The Honorarium to the Clergy \$175.
Please make a separate check to "Rector's Discretionary Fund".

Our church is available to give these services and this care through the generosity of its members. Honorary gifts for the clergy go to support their pastoral care of others in need. Gifts to support their ministry or to the work of the church in general will be gratefully received. We would be happy to discuss possibilities to create a lasting memorial or legacy of ministry in honor of your loved one.

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Funeral Options at St. David's Episcopal Church



...and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23

A Tradition of Unity

For several centuries in America, it has been the custom in the church to bury its members in the immediate vicinity of the church building known as the “churchyard.” These grounds were carefully and faithfully maintained by both the relatives of the persons buried there and by the parish community, all recognizing their common heritage in the sacredness of that place. The churchyard symbolizes the faith we profess in the unity of the church, a unity that recognizes no real or abiding separation between Christians, living and dead.

In three different centuries, this tradition has been followed in the Churchyard of St. David’s Episcopal Church. Interment began in the Churchyard in the middle 1800’s when Belmont Chapel was the center of the grounds. Many generations of Christians were buried for more than 100 years until Belmont Chapel fell into ruin. In the 1990’s, St. David’s Episcopal Church reclaimed this holy hill. Early in our stewardship of this place, we identified the existing graves, mapped and marked them, and assured their safety. Where vandals and time had destroyed markers, we restored them, and the Churchyard was returned to good order. Finally, we began again the burial of the new generations. Today as you walk through our Churchyard you will see the graves of saints from the 1800’s, the 1900’s and 2000’s.

Basic Considerations

Music

Music works with the clergy and family to suggest and determine any music selections to be used during the service. The musician typically serves as organist and/or pianist. The musician receives a separate honorarium for services.

Reception

Sometimes families want to offer light refreshments to those who travel and gather to celebrate the life of their loved one. Our narthex can accommodate 50 - 60 people although seating in the immediate area is limited.

Columbarium at St. David’s

We have acknowledged the changing customs for burial in the United States. We have added both an indoor columbarium inside the Sanctuary as well as an external columbarium within the churchyard. These columbaria are designed to provide a place of dignity and honor for those Christians who prefer cremation. In addition they provide places for quiet reflection and prayer for the friends and relatives of those interred therein. If you are interested in obtaining a columbaria niche please contact St. David’s Episcopal Church at 703-729-0570. A complete set of the rules and regulations of the churchyard are also available from the staff members.

Location	Option	Inscription	Cost
Either interior or exterior niche in columbaria	One urn *One niche can accommodate up to two urns	Inscription of one person’s name, year of birth and death on facing stone.	\$4,000 Parishioner \$6,000 Non-Parishioner Includes opening and closing the niche once.
Either interior or exterior niche in columbaria	Two urns	Inscription of second person’s name, year of birth & year of death on facing stone.	Additional \$750 fee for adding second urn. Includes opening and closing the niche for second urn.