



### **Peter's Voice Music Group Presentation, 2 November 2016**

This is a video of the music performance presented by the Peter's Voice musical group at the SDFM Annual Meeting and dinner at Old Salt's on 2 November 2016.

Peter's Voice, formed in 1994, brought praise music to family worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, Maryland. The original members were Rick Fahey and Dick Van Gelder, drawing on their own vocal and guitar Catholic folk mass experiences. Rick's son, Sean, joined the group adding bass and mandolin, and the sound was broadened with Art Johnstone and Laura McCarthy as vocalists.

Much of the music performed by the group is originally composed pieces written by Rick Fahey, however Rick and Dick have collaborated on several praise and worship songs. One of the early original pieces composed by Rick, was featured in a Christmas Eve service and was received with enthusiasm! The warm response encouraged the group to give a concert that mixed both published and original music in 1998. In the spring of 2000, the troupe entered and was a finalist in the Mountaire Gospel Talent Search and later that year, they released their first CD, "Pelican Moment"! A second CD was released in 2004 "Bricks Upon The Sand". And a third set of songs are already ready for CD production.

The music of Peter's Voice is quite varied, with sounds that include praise music, gospel, Christian folk, rock, country, a bit of Irish, and adult contemporary. Most of the original songs of the group are used in their praise & worship ministry. Acoustic guitars, both six and twelve string, electric lead guitar, mandolin, along with electric bass and keyboard provide an excellent back-up to the harmonies of Shannon, Art, Rick and Dick. The group doesn't fit snugly into any of the traditional choir, gospel, or contemporary Christian rock categories. It's an original sound!

