



DECEMBER 2023

IN THE INTERIM. . . .



As we enter the season of Advent, a time of preparation and expectation of the joyous season of Christmas. I decided to look forward to Christmas and particularly to carols that I have enjoyed singing over the years and hopefully will sing again this year. So what better way to start with than the carol that begins so many Christmas Lessons and Carol Services. It is actually not one of my favorites but I think it does get one in the mood for what follows.

Hymn 102 “Once in Royal David’s City”.

Originally written as a poem by Cecil Frances Alexander, first published in 1848, and included in her hymnbook “Hymns for Little Children”. A year later, Henry Gauntlett discovered the poem and set it to music. Hymns for Little Children was a collection of poems written for children to elucidate parts of the Apostles Creed and “Once in Royal David’s City” was used to tell the story of the Nativity of Jesus.

Now for some, but not all of my favorite carols.

Hymn 96 “Angels we have heard on high”.

This is one of my personal favorites, I just love the bass part in the refrain. The carol’s subject is the birth of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel of Luke, particularly where the shepherds encounter angels outside of Bethlehem.

Hymn 115 “What Child is this”.

Another of my personal favorites. The lyrics of this Christmas carol were written by William Chatterton Dix in 1865, and is set to the beautiful English folk song “Greensleeves”. Like so many other people I find the melody of “Greensleeves” both haunting and beautiful in nature.

Hymn 81 “Lo how a rose ere blooming”.

This carol is of German origin and the rose in the German text is symbolic of the Virgin Mary. The words refer to the prophecies of Isaiah which foretell the Incarnation of Christ and to the Tree of Jesse. I always find the harmony wonderful and a joy to sing.

“What Sweeter Music”.

Finally, a carol that may be unfamiliar to many of you, but a very beautiful piece indeed. The words come from the poet Robert Herrick and the music was composed by John Rutter in 1988 for the choir of King’s College, Cambridge, for their Nine Lessons and Carols Service. The words and the melody just come together to make one glorious carol and one that I find such a great pleasure to sing.

So as you prepare for your Christmas I hope that this may have whetted your appetite for a joyous Christmas season and that you will enjoy singing the Christmas carols and hopefully one of your favorites. But remember the Christmas season is only twelve days long, so ENJOY each one.

Blessings, **John**

Vestry Report – Friday, November 17, 2023

- Jeff Nocket gave an update on the current situation regarding the renovation plans.
- The recent meeting with the Bishop was discussed and the vestry were pleased that the he would be trying to find a Priest to visit us once a month.
- The altar area restructuring had been well received by the congregation and also by the Bishop on his recent visit. Jay, Jeff and Frank were thanked for their work.
- O Holy night Booklets had been received from Daily Bread Publishers.
- The Defibrillator had to be reordered and hopefully should arrive shortly.
- The vestry decided to replace the exterior door to the Fellowship Hall for security reasons
- We will be starting to improve the congregation directory.

CCW NEWS

Laura Ashley-Spencer



You are invited to the 45th Annual

Christmas Tea

for Christ Church Women and Friends
on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 11:00 am
in the home of our hosts
Bill and Carol Atwood
39965 Bass Drive, Bass Lake, CA



Kindly RSVP to Laura at 559-658-5011 by December 4th

Christ Church Financial Report		
January 1st - October 31st 2023		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$68,700	\$68,489
Expenses	\$92,992	\$43,356
Net	-\$17,005	\$25,133

DECEMBER 24TH SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Said Morning Prayer to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent.

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Celebrations of Life

Birthdays:

- 12/31 Camella Nair
- 1/03 Cyndy Trippel
- 1/05 Hannah Beaumont
Justin Beaumont

Anniversaries:

- 12/30 Peter and Lynne Noone

GIVE THANKS.....

For the success of our annual boutique.

To the community members who supported us.

To all who worked during the year producing product and on staffing on the day of the boutique.

To all who donated Christmas Child boxes and food for Manna House.

HOSPITALITY

Dee Carr

The Hospitality treats have been wonderful this year. I'm working on a schedule for the coming new year. If you have dates that work for you, or if you'd like to be added to the new schedule or sadly, if you need to be dropped off, please let me know. Please don't forget, if anyone needs to make a change to your scheduled date please try to trade with someone or contact me so I can take care of it for you.

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Getting to know you....

Pat Eby



Peter
Noone
(and
Lynne)

Peter was born June 11, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois, at Michael Reese Hospital.

He lived in Chicago until 1953 when his family moved to Riverside, California. Peter's mother had two sisters, Josephine and Janice who lived there which influenced the move.

"I was raised a Christian and went to church with my grandfather who was Catholic, or my mother who was Episcopalian," he states.

He attended Hyde Park High School as a Freshman and finished at Riverside Polytech High. He then entered University of Cal Riverside, majoring in English with German his minor.

He withdrew from Cal State Riverside his Senior year and started employment at Electronic Supply in Riverside where he worked for 18 years. From there he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and worked at Central Rubber and Supply. He was there four years and came back to California in 1983.

He joined Electronics Parts Distributors in Santa Monica, Ca., eventually absorbed as Western Electromotive which distributed parts for airplanes (read Boeing). This was a very demanding business as airplanes needed replacements parts instantly, and passenger planes were grounded until the part was in it. There were only three companies doing this and Western Electromotive was the top one.

Peter and Lynn met at the original company and were married on December 30, 1985.

Peter then took a one-year contract working for a company called Management Systems where his expertise was desperately needed.

At the end of the contract year, Peter and Lynne started their own business called Office Products Warehouse. They soon merged. The company did very well and exceeded all expectations. Peter then retired in 1996.

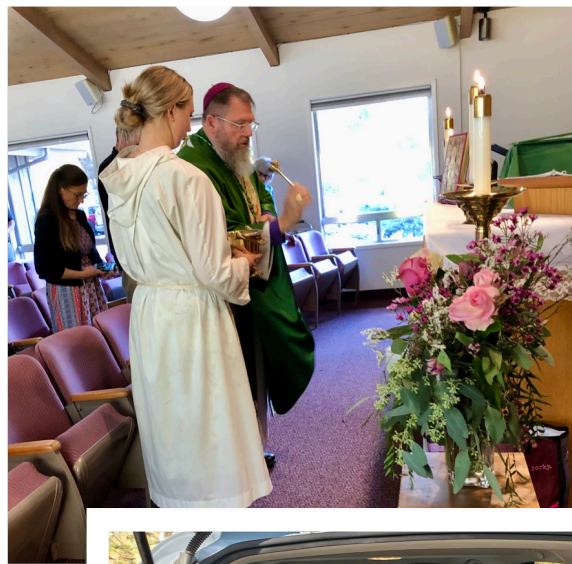
Lynne decided to do something she'd wanted since graduating high school. She went back to school to get her nurses degree. She acquired her LVN degree in 2005 and began employment at John C. Fremont in Mariposa, while Peter supervised the build of their new home on 40 acres of family property.

WELCOME LIAM

Liam has turned nine and is now eligible to be an acolyte.



CHURCH LIFE



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