

Our Repertoire

Contemplation on Beautiful Savior

arr. Matthew Compton
#HP2856, 3-5 octaves

Grazioso

arr. Brian Childers
#BP20221B, 3-7 octaves

Palm Sunday Processional

arr. Dan R. Edwards
#CGB1314, 3-5 octaves
OR #CGB1313, 2-3 octaves

Rejoice the Lord is King

arr. Ron Mallory
#JMG1395, 3-5 octaves

To the World - Joy!

arr. Brian Childers
#AP47203, 3-5 octaves

Friday Night Challenge piece

Triumph Song of Life

arr. Brian Childers
#AP44248, 3-6 octaves

Join us for a weekend of mass handbell ringing hosted by the Bell Tower Ringers of First Presbyterian Church. Groups are expected to know the music before the festival.

Registration Info

Cost for Friday & Saturday:
\$45.00 per participant

Cost for Saturday:
\$35.00 per participant

Lunch: \$10

Registration can be made online at
www.firstpressalisbury.org, by using
the QR code below, or by mailing your
completed registration form.

All payments must be mailed to:

**First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Handbell Festival
308 W Fisher St
Salisbury, NC 28144**



**Make checks payable to:
First Presbyterian Church with
Handbell Festival on the memo line.**

**Registration Deadline:
February 16, 2026**

**Limited space, so reserve yours now!
For questions, contact us at:
btrfestival@gmail.com**

**Each ensemble is responsible
for its own:**

- Bells and Chimes
- Foam and Table Covers
- Music and Music Stands



First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury

Bell Tower Ringers Handbell Festival

March 13-14, 2026



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Guest Clinician

Brian Childers is an accomplished composer, conductor, and clinician. His choral, instrumental, and handbell works are performed throughout the world. He is in demand as a featured clinician at music conferences and festivals across the nation. Brian's compositions and arrangements are available through a variety of publishers.

Brian has earned degrees from Appalachian State University and the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. He has conducted church and community groups and served churches in the Southeast, building vibrant programs for choirs, handbells and instrumentalists at each. He currently serves as Director of Handbells and Children and Youth Music at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC where he oversees a comprehensive handbell ministry to children, youth, and adults. In the spring of 2024, he



was named Artistic Director of the Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble. Brian shares his insights into the role of music and worship through “*Cued In*,” a blog on sacred music in worship sponsored by JW Pepper.

Brian is married to Keely Childers, a professional counselor, and has two adult children, Hannah and Spencer, both of whom served as drum majors in their respective High School and College marching bands. Brian is an avid runner and a rabid fan of the San Antonio Spurs. You can learn more about Brian, his compositions, “*Ringing Deeply*” and his children’s book, “*Boo and His Amazing Bells*” at BrianChilders.org.



Schedule

Friday, March 13, 2026

(Optional)

- 6:00-7:00p** Set-up
7:00-9:00 Rehearsal of challenge piece

Saturday, March 14, 2026

- 8:00-9:00a** Set-up & Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Mass Rehearsal
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:15p Mass Rehearsal
12:15-1:15 Lunch
1:15-1:30 Rehearsal of challenge piece
1:30-2:30 Mass Rehearsal
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-3:30 Mass Rehearsal
3:30-4:00 Break
4:00-4:30 Public Concert
4:30-until Pack-up

