

## Fall 2021 Rehearsal Schedule



### Sunday

3:00 p.m. Junior Bells (Children, grades 3-5)  
4:00 p.m. Youth Bells (Youth, grades 6-12)  
6:00 p.m. Bellissimo (Adults)

### Monday

10:00am Southern Bells (Adults)

### Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Myers Park Bells (Adults)

### Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Tinkerbells (Children, grades K-2)

*The Music Ministry at Myers Park provides a variety of opportunities for Handbell Musicians to grow in their faith and serve others. We welcome the involvement of each person who is passionate about using their gifts to praise God and touch the lives of others through music*

*Contact Brian Childers, Director of Handbells, Children's & Youth Music to get connected!*

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## Myers Park United Methodist Church



### Handbell Ministry

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## Handbells for Adults

**Bellissimo:** Designed for ringers seeking to grow their skills as handbell musicians, this mid-level ensemble focuses on building skills and rings once or twice each semester in worship. Participation in local retreats, mission trips, and festivals is an option for interested members.

**Myers Park Bells:** Intermediate to Advanced handbell ensemble rings regularly in worship and is challenged to make music at the highest level. Prior handbell experience and music reading are prerequisites for this group. Myers Park Bells participates in weekend retreats, mission trips and festivals.

**Southern Bells:** A non-performing handbell group exercising the heart and mind, as well as focusing on skill-building and fellowship. Ringers in this group are introduced to healthy ringing exercises, a variety of handbell techniques and basic music reading skills. Ringers who progress quickly and desire further challenges often consider joining other Myers Park handbell ensembles for Adults.

**Solo and Ensemble** ringing opportunities are available for advanced ringers who express an interest. Contact director Brian Childers for more information and rehearsal schedules.



## Children and Youth Bells

**Tinkerbells:** Grades K-2. Children learn basic reading and performance skills on handchimes. Children accompany congregational singing several times during the year as well as ringing for Kneeling at the Manger and the Year-End Music Recognition service.

**Junior Bells:** Grades 3-5. Intermediate handbell choir for children. Children continue to develop music reading and performance skills, as well as learning worship leader skills. Participants are introduced to all standard bell techniques. Junior Bells ring in worship quarterly, for Kneeling at the Manger and the Year-End Music Recognition service.

**Youth Bells:** Grades 6-12. Youth handbells extend the tradition of Junior Bells to advanced and challenging repertoire. Youth Bells ring in worship quarterly, for the Youth Love Feast, and the Year-End Recognition service. These ringers also participate in weekend ministry tours to take the love of Christ to others beyond our own community.

