



After receiving his BA in Music (with a concentration in handbell performance) from Concordia University, Irvine, California, Nick has been teaching at The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, for the past 25 years. At Potomac, he teaches private handbell lessons and handbell classes to students in the 4th-12th grades in six handbell ensembles. He has also been the handbell director at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia, for over 15 years.

Nick is a sought-after faculty, clinician, and conductor for workshops and events throughout the world, having served in this role nationally in over 25 states (as well as Washington, DC) and internationally in England, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore. He was co-conductor for the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) All-Star Choir in 2018; has twice led HMA's Distinctly Teen ensemble in 2015 and 2023, and most recently conducted the esteemed handbell event, Distinctly Bronze, in 2025.

He is a published writer in the national handbell magazine *Overtones*, serves on HMA's Bells in Schools Committee, has composed and arranged over 100 pieces of handbell music, and is co-host of the podcast Two Tacos High: A Handbell Podcast.



March 6-7, 2026  
Christ United Methodist Church  
8645 East Brainerd Road

Nick Hanson,  
Clinician

The Chattanooga Area Handbell Festival is an event for everyone ... from less experienced choirs to well-seasoned groups. A wide variety of music has been chosen to accommodate all levels.

The cost of the festival is \$25 per person. The fee includes snacks and lunch during the event. Full payment is due with your registration form by February 6, 2026. Please make checks payable to *Chattanooga Area Handbell Festival*. Final event details will be sent with your registration confirmation.

All participating choirs are expected to secure their own original copies of the following music and should be familiar with these selections prior to the festival.

**Wild Mountain Thyme**

Arranged by Sandra Eithun, Level 2+  
GIA Publications GIG11301

**Praise to the Lord**

Arranged by Nicholas Hanson, Level 2+  
Jeffers Publishing JHS9626

**Exultation** (from 2019 festival)

By Matthew Compton, Level 2+  
AGEHR Publishing AG35371

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Arranged by Brenda Austin, Level 3  
Jubilate Music Group JMG1333

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** (from 2014 festival)

Arranged by Cathy Moklebust, Level 3  
Concordia Publishing CO977488

Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday, March 7, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_ # of participants @ \$25 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#

Space required: \_\_\_\_\_ linear feet for your tables

*Mail registration form with check payable to:*

Chattanooga Area Handbell Festival  
c/o Gary Bynum, Registrar  
1875 Cannondale Loop