



**Matthew Compton**, a native of Colorado Springs, has been composing, arranging, and conducting music for handbells since 2007 when he was in the eighth grade. He had his first composition published at the age of fifteen, making him one of the youngest published handbell composers. Matthew graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with an emphasis in Composition and Conducting.

Based out of Vancouver, Washington, he is the music director of the Bells of the Cascades in Portland, Oregon, and Director of Music Ministries at Salmon Creek Church in Vancouver. In addition to being a guest clinician at handbell festivals across the country, his music is frequently used at local and national handbell festivals, including the Bay View Week of Handbells, Southern Colorado Handbell Festival and Distinctly Bronze East and West. He has been the recipient of the Donald E. Allured Composition Award.

In his spare time, Matthew can occasionally be found streaming a variety of games and music performances on Twitch, going hiking, or enjoying any number of movies, anime, or tv shows!

**Mark your calendars now!  
April 26th and 27th, 2025**

**Pikes Peak Ringers Spring Concert Weekend**

**The Pikes Peak Ringers would like to thank...**

**First Lutheran Church and Eric Wicks, Minister of Worship & Music**  
for generously lending us equipment and rehearsal facilities

**Joan Kuehn, our assistant director**  
who directed all season but couldn't be at the concerts

**Our families, friends, and fans** for all of your love and support

*The Pikes Peak  
Ringers*  
*directed by Matthew Compton*  
*present*  
*Expressions*  
*A Handbell Concert*

*Saturday, November 23rd, 4pm*  
*Augustana Lutheran Church*  
*5000 E Alameda Ave, Denver CO*

*Sunday, November 24th, 4pm*  
*Calvary United Methodist Church*  
*4210 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs CO*



**PIKES PEAK  
RINGERS**



**The Pikes Peak Ringers and Friends** - *Linda Cherry, Christina Chisum, Ruth Christian, Laurie Cox, Clarissa Daghita, Ingrid Daniel, Lance Doran, Michelle Eads, Elizabeth Heiny, Mark Horst, Bonnie Linder, Neil Mahon, Michelle Mason, Tracy McChesney, Cathy Wood*  
*Matthew Compton, director*  
*Joan Kuehn, assistant director*

Since 1991 the Pikes Peak Ringers have continually expanded the boundaries of traditional handbell music, bringing their extensive repertoire, innovative techniques and distinctive visual approach to numerous projects and venues around the country. Recognized worldwide as one of the premier handbell ensembles in North America, the Pikes Peak Ringers perform local and out-of-state concerts and have been featured at national handbell events and on promotional recordings. They also have seven studio CDs, an instructional DVD, and a live concert DVD. Today, as a non-profit organization the Pikes Peak Ringers provide an outlet for advanced ringers in the greater Colorado Springs community. The group continues to teach others about handbells through workshops and other venues and creates vivid performances that showcase the instrument of English handbells with the highest-quality presentation and musicianship. For more information about the group, visit us on Facebook and our website ([www.PikesPeakRingers.com](http://www.PikesPeakRingers.com)).

# Concert Program

## Gaudete!

by Jason W. Krug

## Common Thread

by Sandra Eithun

## Canticle

by Matthew Compton

## Be Still, My Soul

by Jean Sibelius, arranged by Alex Guebert

## Resonances and Alleluias

by Cathy Moglebust

## Hallelujah

by Leonard Cohen, arranged by Joel Raney

## Cappriccio

by Kevin McChesney

## Impressions on Sing We Now of Christmas

arranged by Matthew Compton

## The Ash Grove

arranged by Matthew Compton and Alex Guebert

## Psalm of Peace

by William Payn

## The Rap

by Rolf Lovland, arranged by Kevin McChesney

*Flute: Linda Cherry*

A tax deductible donation can be given during the offering (Calvary only), at the merchandise table, or you can scan the QR code or go to [www.PikesPeakRingers.com/Donation](http://www.PikesPeakRingers.com/Donation) to help support the Pikes Peak Ringers.

A number of our bells need repair and adjustment, and your generous donation helps with those costs!

