

St. Paul's Music Guild hosts a **Handbell Festival** concert on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** under the direction of handbell composer and arranger **Kevin McChesney**. Ten handbell choirs from Salem area churches will join the St. Paul's Ringers in this concert. The concert will highlight each group in a solo piece, then all ten choirs together will play three of McChesney's arrangements. The visiting groups will participate in an all-day handbell workshop with Mr. McChesney on Saturday, October 31.

Kevin McChesney graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a BMus in Composition and Theory. A composer and arranger of handbell music, Kevin currently has over 700 titles in print and is one of the very few musicians who makes handbells a full-time vocation. He has won numerous awards for his work, including winning American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Composition Contests and Jeffers Composer of the Year. Kevin is the handbell editor for Jeffers Handbell Supply and the RingingWord catalog. His work as music director of the Pikes Peak Ringers has helped bring them to national prominence. In demand throughout the handbell world as a workshop clinician and festival conductor, Kevin lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



