



**Time Commitment
as of January 1, 2026**

Weekly Rehearsals – Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm: First Christian Church (125 S. Pleasant Street, Independence, MO). General membership meetings will coincide with rehearsals.

Personal Study/Preparation – Individual study/preparation is expected on a weekly basis. Any areas of concern should be addressed in sectional work outside of regular rehearsal.

Concert Venues – Call is usually 2-1/2 hours before concert time for load in and warmup and it takes approximately an hour after each concert for strike and load out. Each member of the ensemble is expected to take turns helping load and unload at our rehearsal site. Travel and time off work will be expected.

Known Dates for 2026*:

Jan 17	Sat	9:00am	Auditions
Jan 22	Thur	6:30-9:30pm	Spring Rehearsals begin
Feb 21	Sat	9:00am-4:00pm	Rehearsal
Mar 21	Sat	9:00am-1:00pm	Ring with Rezound! Sight Reading Workshop
Apr 2	Thur		No rehearsal (Maundy Thurs)
Apr 11	Sat	9:00am-4:00pm	Rehearsal
Apr 21	Tue		Bell Polishing
Apr 23	Thursday	6:30pm	Dress Rehearsal (mandatory)
Apr 24	Fri		7:00pm Concert
Apr 25	Sat		7:00pm Concert
Apr 26	Sun		3:00pm Concert
May 2	Sat	10:00am	Repertoire Selection for Fall
May 16	Sat	9:00am-4:00pm	Rehearsal
June 2	Tue	6:30pm	Bell polishing
June 6	Sat	6:00pm	Gala Concert & Reception (3:00pm call)
June 17-20			Area 8 Festival (optional)
Aug 3-8			22nd International Handbell Symposium (optional)
Aug 20	Thur	6:30-9:30pm	Fall rehearsals begin
Sept 12	Sat	9:00am-4:00pm	Rehearsal (Boot Camp)
Oct 3	Sat	10:00am	Repertoire Selection for Spring
Nov 14	Sat	9:00am-4:00pm	Rehearsal (makeup for Thanksgiving)
Nov 26			No rehearsal (Thanksgiving)
Dec 1	Tue	6:30pm	Bell polishing
Dec 3	Thursday	6:30pm	Dress Rehearsal (mandatory)
Dec 5	Sat		7pm The Rex Theatre @ Clay Center
Dec 10	Thursday	6:30pm	Dress Rehearsal (mandatory)
Dec 11	Fri		7pm Concert
Dec 12	Sat		7pm Concert
Dec 13	Sun		3pm Concert
Dec 14	Mon		6pm Concert

*Any additional dates arising during the year will be communicated in a timely manner.

**Rehearsals are every Thursday unless otherwise noted.