

MICHAEL JOY lives in Philadelphia, PA, and has been directing handbell choirs in churches and schools since 1978. He studied handbells with Donald Allured and handbell composition with Arnold Sherman. Michael is currently the middle school music teacher at The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA where he conducts several different handbell groups. For the last 34 years, he has also been the Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Ambler, PA. Michael is a published composer and has taught at AGEHR Area festivals, PMEA district and state conferences, Handbell Exploration, AGEHR National Seminars and the 2008 International Handbell Symposium. He was named Composer of the Year for 2004 by Jeffers Publishing Company for his composition *Dorian Dance*. From 2003-2007, Michael was a ringer and Composer-in-Residence for the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble. Michael also served two terms as the Secretary for AGEHR Area II.

Music List:

- [Ein Kleines Kindelein \(M. Joy\) From the Top 20186, L 2](#)
- [Take It to the Lord in Prayer \(S. Eithun\) Agape 2466, L 2+](#)
- [Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus \(L. Delancey\) Concordia CO977316, L3](#)
- [Wade in the Water \(S. Eithun\) Lorenz, 20/1 416L, L3](#)
- [Within the Darkest Night \(D. Hakes\) AGEHR AG36028, L2](#)
- [The Strife Is O'er \(A. Sherman\) Agape 1847, L3](#)