



# Bell Trees & Processionals

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## Advantages of Bell Trees

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- Allows ringers to process, adding excitement to the worship service, concert or performance
- Enables a single ringer to play a melody
- Adds melodic counterpoint
- Gives ringers of all abilities the opportunity for improvisation and random ringing
- Allows flexibility in planning for worship, concert or performance

## Assembling the Bell Tree

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- Form your bell tree by interlocking the handles, starting with the lowest pitch
- Hold the tree with one hand and strike the handbells with the mallet which is held in the other hand

## Equipment for Bell Trees

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- Handbells
- Bell Tree
- Mallets

## Needs of the Bell Tree Ringer

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- Memorization
- Rhythmic Accuracy
- Assurance and confidence

## Uses of Bells Trees

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- Call to Worship
- Introduction to a hymn
- Announcing the beginning or ending of the service
- Harmonies and random ringing in a chosen key
- Two ringers can play one tree at the same time
- One ringer can ring harmonies with two mallets using a stand
- It can replace piano or organ accompaniment
- There are many others — use your imagination!!

## Processionals

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- Writing your own
- Transposing

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