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Make a Joyful Noise

[Psalm 98:4-9](#)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

Kenova UMC has a lot of wonderful ministries including a thriving children's program. This past fall, after only a few weeks of rehearsal, almost 30 children played the bells during children's moments at Sunday worship to Michael W. Smith's song, "Friends."

They had a lot of fun ringing their colorful bells along with the coordinating cards and background music.

Growing up in Kenova, Michael W. Smith did not know what his future would hold or the positive impact he would have on the world. He has since recorded 15 Christian albums and continues to tour the country.

Decades later, children in his hometown played a song he wrote, not knowing where their lives will take them.

What they know is that they anticipate Sunday all week long because they enjoy coming to church. The children have Sunday school teachers who are invested in them. They have a dedicated children's ministry director, friends their age, adults in the congregation who support them, and family members who are committed to bringing them each week.

What I know is that because they have a strong foundation, these children will have so many possibilities ahead of them.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, thank you for the joyful noise children bring to our churches each week. May we always look forward to Sunday and the possibilities you will bring. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.*

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