

# JUSTIN L. ADDINGTON

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## EDUCATION

- 2015-2019     **Doctor of Theology in Worship Studies**  
**The Robert E. Webber Institute, Jacksonville, FL**  
*Thesis: "Reclaiming a Culture of Excellence for Christian Worship"*
- 2011-2014     **Master of Church Music in Choral Conducting**  
**Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI**  
*Thesis: "Handel's 'Messiah': A Historic Approach for the Church Choir"*
- 2003-2007     **Bachelor of Arts in Choral K-12 Music Education (Cum Laude)**  
**Limestone College, Gaffney, SC**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present   **Minister of Music & Organist**  
**First Baptist Church, Savannah, GA**  
*Ministry Highlights: Planned Organ Centennial Concert Series, named Minister-in-Charge during pastoral transition, spearheaded restoration of historic sanctuary.*
- 2017-2019     **Director of Music & Worship**  
**St. John's United Methodist Church, Rock Hill, SC**  
*Ministry Highlights: Restoration of pipe organ, establishment of fall choir retreat, choir invited to sing at UMC conference, formation of Flower Guild, choir tour to England.*
- 2010-2017     **Director of Music & Worship**  
**Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, Savannah, GA**  
*Ministry Highlights: Design of new pipe organ, development of concert series, establishment of choral scholar's program, choir tours to Italy, Austria, & Carnegie Hall.*
- 2007-2010     **Director of Music Ministries & Organist**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC**  
*Ministry Highlights: Formation of Mass Methodist Choir, development of Drama Ministry, formation of Choir Sunday School Class, choir tour to England.*
- 2007-2010     **Director of Choral Activities**  
**Cowpens Middle School, Cowpens, SC**  
*Teaching Highlights: 100 students in choral program, formed Honor Chorus, implemented annual spring musical, developed curriculums for Piano Lab and Music Appreciation classes, chorus won first place in regional competition, named director of school's gifted and talented program.*

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present    **Founding Conductor**  
Savannah Men's Chorale, Savannah, GA
- 2021-Present    **Choral Accompanist**  
Richmond Hill High School, Richmond Hill, GA
- 2019-2021        **Tuning/Voicing Assistant**  
Lincoln Pipe Organs, Lincoln, NC
- 2016-2017        **Assistant Conductor/Accompanist**  
Savannah Children's Choir, Savannah, GA

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2026    Named conductor of American Choir for World Peace (France Tour)
- 2025    Savannah Men's Chorale performed at Spoleto Festival and ACDA Convention
- 2023    Selected for CBF Thriving in Ministry Cohort of Pastoral Musicians
- 2022    Ordained to Christian Ministry
- 2015    Served as worship leader for South Georgia United Methodist Conference
- 2012    Elected Dean of Savannah Chapter of AGO
- 2012    Named Limestone College Young Alumnus of the Year
- 2010    Nominated as Teacher of the Year
- 2008    Released professional organ CD
- 2007    Named Who's Who Among American College Students
- 2006    First place winner in South Carolina NATS competition (*Musical Theatre*)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- American Choral Director's Association
- American Guild of Organists
- Board of Directors – American Traditions Competition (2013-2017)
- Board of Directors – Gaffney Little Theatre (2005-2007)
- Board of Directors – Rock Hill Symphony Orchestra (2018-2019)
- Board of Directors – SC Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians (2018-2020)
- Board of Directors – Spartanburg Repertory Company (2006-2008)
- Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians & Worship Arts
- Handbell Musicians of America
- Hymn Society of America & Canada
- Music Educators National Conference (*College Officer*)
- President's Advisory Council – Limestone College
- Spartanburg Philharmonic Music Club (*Former Member*)

## OTHER INTERESTS & ABILITIES

- Musical director/pianist for musical theatre productions
- Featured actor in musical theatre productions
- Clinician, adjudicator, and accompanist for choral groups and voice studios
- Lecturer/consultant for church music and worship
- Featured organ recitalist and baritone soloist
- Active composer, arranger, and author
- Social media manager and graphic designer