# **JUSTIN L. ADDINGTON**

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## **EDUCATION**

| 2015-2019 | Doctor of Theology in Worship Studies The Robert E. Webber Institute, Jacksonville, FL     |
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|           | 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       |
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|              | 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**

| 2023 | Selected for CBF Thriving in Ministry Cohort of Pastoral Musicians      |
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| 2022 | Ordained to Christian Ministry  |
| 2019 | Featured organ soloist with Rock Hill Symphony Orchestra                |
| 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) |
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#### 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

Adjudicator/Accompanist for choral groups and voice studios

Lecturer/consultant for church music and worship

Featured organ recitalist

Featured baritone soloist for major choral works and oratorios

Active composer, arranger, and author

Social media manager and graphic designer