

A Patriotic Organ Recital

July 2, 2024 – 12:00 noon

First Baptist Church
Savannah, GA

Featuring

Justin L. Addington

“The Star-Spangled Banner” arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Two Patriotic Hymn Settings by Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“God of Our Fathers”

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

“The Fourth of July - A Grand Military Sonata” by James Hewitt (1770-1827)

- I. Assembling of the People: Bells & Cannon
- II. Distant March
- III. Trumpet
- IV. March: The Artillery
- V. Quick Step: Riflemen
- VI. Quick March: Infantry
- VII. Shouts of the Populace
- VIII. Hail, Columbia!

Two American Hymn Settings by Savannah Organists

“BALM IN GILEAD” by Steven Branyon (b.1959)

“NETTLETON” by William McNair (b. 1953)

“Semper Fidelis March” by John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

“Fantasy on AMERICA” by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

About the Artist

Rev. Dr. Justin L. Addington is the Associate Minister for Music & Worship at the First Baptist Church of Savannah, GA. He holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education and Vocal Performance from Limestone College (now University), a master of church music degree in Choral Conducting from Concordia University Wisconsin, and a Doctor of Theology degree in Worship Studies from the Robert E. Webber Institute. He studied piano with Larry Lawson, Merri Morrell, and Dr. David B. Thompson, and organ with Brian Dailey and Dr. Leon Couch. Highlights of his 25-year career as a church musician include the development of a nationally recognized concert series, the release of a professionally recorded organ CD, two substantial pipe organ projects, and leading choir tours to England, Italy, Austria, and Carnegie Hall. In addition to his church work, Justin has taught music in the public schools, served as a board member for several non-profit arts organizations, and worked as an actor and musical director/pianist for numerous semi-professional and community theater companies. He is an active member of the American Guild of Organists, having served as Dean of the Savannah chapter from 2012-2014. Justin also currently serves as accompanist for the Richmond Hill High School Chorus and is the founding conductor of the new Savannah Men's Chorale.

About the Church

Welcome to **First Baptist Church**, Savannah's oldest standing house of worship. Our congregation believes that Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality. Therefore, we accept every individual without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, or socio-economic status. We affirm all persons as created in the image of God. At First Baptist Church, individuals can find family, families can find community, the injured can find healing, and all can seek truth and justice. We labor together in love for each other, our community, our world, and our God. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed, accepted, and loved. For more information, please visit our website at www.fbc-sav.org.

About the Organ

The First Baptist Church organ was installed in 1922 by the **E.M. Skinner Organ Company**. It is the oldest and largest pipe organ in the Savannah region. To learn more about the organ's history, or to view the stop list, please visit www.fbc-sav.org/music.