

ADDITIONAL CONCERTS

This is the 16th year of this intimate Advent Series. We hope you have found yourself welcomed and nourished by this time and space for grace.

Please, join us for our next concerts!

December 10 | Matthew Joyner, tenor & Casey Childers, piano

December 17 | Shelley Maddox, soprano & Casey Childers

THE LONGEST NIGHT

Christmas is nearly here. The postal service mail carriers are working long hours, the lights are beginning to appear and the anticipation is brimming. For some this time of year is full of tinsel, lights and joyful carols. For others, it can be a struggle as nights get longer and deadlines draw closer.

Winter Solstice is the longest night of the year, this year falling on December 21. On the evening that offers the most darkness, FCC is offering a sacred space for worship. Please join us for "The Longest Night on Sunday, December 21 at 5pm.

Someone you know will be experiencing Christmas for the first time without their spouse, without their parent, without their child, or without their friend.. Someone you know will be experiencing Christmas feeling isolated with depression and anxiety. Someone you know may be experiencing a terminal illness, realizing it could be their last time in this sacred part of the year.

With prayers, congregational singing, special music, healing stations and words of hope, we pray that it's a time of sacred community. If you or someone you know need a space to be surrounded by love and comfort, join us.

Come, be with community. Hold on. Hope will find you.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
WILSON, N.C.

ADVENT SERIES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2025
12:00 NOON

DR. GINGER JONES-ROBINSON,
SOPRANO

CASEY CHILDERS,
PIANIST



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PROGRAM

Cradle in Bethlehem
Who Would Imagine a King

Larry Stock
Mervyn Warren

There Were Angels Hov'rin Round
Christmas Lullaby
Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Gesù Bambino

Uzee Brown, Jr.
H. Leslie Adams
Robert MacGimsey
Pietro A. Yon

Lo, How a Rose
Away in a Manger
O Holy Night

arr. Todd Marchand
arr. Mark Hayes
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The Christmas Song

Mel Tormé



A native of Garner, North Carolina, **Ginger Jones-Robinson** endeavors to share the awe of music. A mezzo turned soprano, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and her Master of Music degree from the University of South Carolina (USC).

Also at USC, she recently completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree with a focus on the vocal music of George Walker.

Dr. Jones-Robinson has had several appearances as a soloist, including with the Kronos Quartet, the Brevard Philharmonic, and the South Carolina Philharmonic. Ginger is a versatile vocalist who is equally passionate about the music of Verdi and Margaret Bonds; Handel and Damien Sneed; and Shostakovich and Evelyn Simpson-Curenton.

As music educator, Dr. Jones-Robinson has held faculty positions in both pre-collegiate and collegiate settings. At Allen University, she served as the chair of the music department while maintaining a vocal studio and directing choral ensembles. During her tenure at Allen, she also held posts at Benedict College, and Claflin University. Currently, she is the director of Choral Activities at Northern High School in Durham, NC. Ginger currently resides in Wake Forest NC, with her husband (also a music educator) and their energetic and precocious four-year old.

Casey has been serving First Christian full time since 2007 when she arrived as organist. She served this position while gaining the Masters of Music degree in Organ Performance and Sacred Music from East Carolina University as well as the Colleagues' Certification (CAGO) through the American Guild of Organists. Prior to this she received Bachelor of Music degrees from Appalachian State University in both Music (Clarinet) Performance and Music Education (K-12). In time aside from First Christian, Casey serves as accompanist for the James B. Hunt High School Choral Program and runs her professional photography business. She loves spending time with her husband, Andrew, sons, Jackson (9) & Phillip (5), thrifting, gardening, cleaning and all things photography.