

Presentation to the Church	Mary Alice Birdwhistell
Choral Anthem	arr. Kevin A. Memley
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
Closing Words and Benediction †	Rev. Paxton Vaughn
Postlude	arr. Alice Jordon
<i>Fantasia on FOUNDATION</i>	

*All are invited to a reception honoring Paxton
in the Commons following the service.*

Worship Leaders

Kathy Collier, Former Minister of Music, Highland Baptist Church
 Paul Henderson, Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, Highland Baptist Church
 Laura Heredia, Member, Greystone Baptist Church
 Bill Ockerman, Member, Highland Baptist Church
 Renee Purtlebaugh, Associate Pastor to Children and Their Families, Highland Baptist Church
 Sharon Sanders, Former Interim Organist, Highland Baptist Church
 Justin Sizemore, Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults, Highland Baptist Church
 Sanctuary Choir, Highland Baptist Church

Ordination Council Members

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Former Pastor, Highland Baptist Church
 Colleen Burroughs, Chief Communications Officer, Passport Camps
 Anna Beth Cross, Associate Minister, Greystone Baptist Church
 Bob Cunningham, Interim Associate Pastor, Highland Baptist Church
 Curtis Freeman, Baptist House of Studies, Duke Divinity School
 Carol Harston, Former Associate Pastor, Highland Baptist Church
 Kayla Oliver, Mission Partner Specialist, Passport Camps
 Tyler Swim, Member, Highland Baptist Church
 Keith Vaughn, Member, Greystone Baptist Church
 Chrissy Tatum Williamson, Pastor, Greystone Baptist Church



Our Mission... God’s Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.



**A Service of Ordination for
Paxton Vaughn**

April 6, 2025 – Four O’clock p.m.
Highland Baptist Church – Louisville, Kentucky

TAKE MY HANDS, AND LET THEM MOVE
AT THE IMPULSE OF THY LOVE

Words of Welcome Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude arr. Craig Phillips
Prelude on “Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Worship (based on Luke 8:1-3) Tyler Swim

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
All: **We lift up our eyes and look around. We gather together. We come to you.**
One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.
All: **The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,**
One: To proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners,
All: **To comfort all who mourn, to comfort those who mourn in Zion,**
One: And though strangers may stand and feed our flocks, we shall be called priests of the Lord.
All: **We shall be named ministers of our God. Arise, shine, for our light has come!**

Processional Hymn (366) † THAXTED, alt.
O God, Beyond All Praising

Prayer of Praise † Kathy Collier

Presentation by Ordination Council Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Carol Harston

TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS,
LET THEM FLOW IN CEASELESS PRAISE

Scripture Readings Anna Beth Cross
Jeremiah 18:1-6 Bill Ockerman
Ephesians 2:17-22 Laura Heredia
Matthew 22:34-40 †

Hymn of Assurance (425) † FOUNDATION
How Firm a Foundation

Stanza 1 All voices in unison Stanza 3 Unison bass voices
Stanza 2 Unison treble voices Stanza 4 All voices in three part canon
Stanza 5 All voices in unison

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand*

TAKE MY HEART, IT IS THINE OWN,
IT SHALL BE THY ROYAL THRONE

Litany of Affirmation Kayla Oliver and Colleen Burroughs

One: Paxton, you have listened for the voice of God in sacred places: in the walls of this church and Greystone Baptist Church. You have listened for this voice in seminary classrooms and hospital rooms. You have listened for this voice of God in the middle of rec parties, dance parties, and worship surrounded by teenagers.
All: **The delight we take in your presence is a reflection of God’s joy over you.**
One: Like Samuel, you awakened to an unexpected call. You recognized the voice as God’s and responded.
All: **We believe the story of your call is an expression of God’s continuous revelation in your life.**
One: Paxton, do you accept this affirmation of this community? Will you say “yes” to God’s gifts in you? Will you follow Christ in proclaiming the good news in word and sacrament, teaching faith, caring for people, announcing God’s renewing hope to all, and dedicating yourself to be God’s minister under the leadership of the Holy Spirit?
Paxton: **I will, by God’s grace.**
One: Do you, members of this community, affirm Paxton’s ministry? Will you challenge her to grow in grace with you? Will you remind her of her limits and God’s unlimitedness? Will you covenant to support her and one another as the family of God in this place and all places?
All: **We will, with God’s help.**
One: We are the voices of love, speaking from within the community that surrounds you.
All: **We ask God’s blessing on Paxton, and on each member of this community gathered here and beyond, in the name of Christ, whose people we are.**
One: Paxton, may you continue to know God’s generous love and care for you even as you offer yourself as an instrument of God’s love and care to others. May you be surprised by God’s light when you need the illumination of divine guidance. May the passion you feel for your calling give wholeness and life to your vocation. Above all, know that no matter where your call may lead, our prayers will surround you, Christ’s peace will go with you, God’s love will sustain you, and the Spirit will guide you. That is our assurance and hope.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response (490) † HENDON
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

TAKE MYSELF AND I WILL BE EVER, ONLY, ALL FOR THEE

Charge to the Candidate Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Laying on of Hands Justin Sizemore

Ordination Prayer Carol Harston