

## **The Presbyterian Women are so pleased to welcome Derik S. Board as the guest speaker for the PW Thank Offering Service today.**

### **About Derik S. Board**

Derik S. Board is a U.S. Air Force veteran who proudly served seven years with the 130<sup>th</sup> Air Wing in Charleston, WV. Following his military service, Derik earned his bachelor's degree in Business and Music from West Liberty University in 2015. He has since dedicated his career to serving fellow veterans, drawing from both his personal experiences and professional expertise.

Derik has worked with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs as a Program Support Assistant and later served as a County Veterans Service Officer in Jefferson County, OH. In these roles, he has been committed to helping veterans and their families access the benefits, resources, and care they deserve.

In addition to his Professional work, Derik is also a musician and the founder of **Commemorate Through Chords**, a nonprofit that empowers veterans to transform their stories into songs. Through music, his organization fosters healing, connection, and community, ensuring that the voices of veterans are heard and honored.

### **About the Jefferson County Service Office**

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office, located in Steubenville, OH, provides professional, caring and quality assistance to veterans and their dependents. The office helps clients navigate benefits available through county, state, and federal programs.

Its Service Officers attend continuous training to stay current on veterans' laws and regulations, ensuring veterans receive the support and resources they have earned. Whether it's disability compensation, pensions, education benefits, or survivor assistance, the office is dedicated to advocating for the best interests of local veterans and their families.

### **About Commemorate Through Chords**

Founded by Derik S. Board, **Commemorate Through Chords** is a nonprofit organization that empowers veterans to share their stories through music. By providing a supportive platform for songwriting and collaboration, the nonprofit honors veterans' journeys and fosters healing, connection, and community.

The mission is to celebrate resilience, preserve personal histories, and ensure that the courage and sacrifices of veterans resonate through melodies that inspire, educate, and uplift. With performances, workshops, and community partnerships, **Commemorate Through Chords** transforms lived experiences into songs that serve as a lasting tribute to those who have served.



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**10:45AM**

**Rev. Jason Elliott**

**November 9, 2025**

**GREETERS**

Kimberly Hargett and Ruth Stevens

**PRELUDE**

Denise Truax

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cathy Presley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Proverbs 19:17

Johnnie Ray Lester

**\*HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Ginny Zoric

Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

**MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Friends, believe the Good News  
**RESPONSE:** in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Ginny Zoric  
Congregation

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S MISSION FUNDS**

Becki Childers

**DRAWING FOR QUILT**

Cathy Presley and Children

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional)** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Norma West

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Traditional)

Norma West

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 144:1-2

Becki Childers

Blessed be the Lord, My rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; He is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer, my shield and He in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.

**MESSAGE**

Guest Speaker, Derik S. Board  
Veterans Service Office of Jefferson County

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Derik S. Board, Commemorate with Chords

**\*MIZPAH AS CLOSING**

Presbyterian Women and Congregational Women

*Please stand and recite in unison*

“May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY** are in loving memory of all Presbyterian Women who have gone before us.

**MISSION CANS-** this week are a thank offering for the Presbyterian Woman.

**OUR MITTEN TREE** is up and lovingly being decorated with store bought and handmade hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks to keep our area youth warm.

**NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING-** Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS-** Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Hanging of the Greens. Anyone able to help immediately following church service? We would love your help decorating the church for this special season!

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES-** *Anniversaries:* Nick & Emily Pietro (11/10) and Terry & Ashley Minto (11/10). *Birthdays:* Hank Johns (11/9), Noah Spencer (11/9), Kay Hindman (11/12), Jami Cammer (11/13), Keith Williams (11/13), Lailah Spanovich (11/14), Jane Fisher (11/15), Jackie Hinkle (11/15) and Brandon Julian (11/15).

*Love God. Love Others.*