

Highland Presbyterian Church 2026 Spring Forum

Sunday, May 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m.— Activity Building
2380 Cloverdale Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Christian Nationalism or Religious Liberty: an American Dilemma



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What exactly is Christian nationalism — and why does it matter? Leonard's discussion breaks down what the term really means and explores the wide range of Christian voices that have weighed in on it, both today and throughout American history. We'll walk through three key approaches to religious liberty — separationist, accommodationist, and dissenting — and see how they've played out over time. We'll wrap up by looking at what all of this might mean for the future of American churches and national identity. No matter where you're coming from, there's room at the table for this conversation.