

Fall Education Series: "Politics and Christian Faith" at Claremont Presbyterian Church

CLAREMONT, CA — This fall, Claremont Presbyterian Church (CPC) hosts "Politics and Christian Faith," an adult education series that explores the intersection of faith, history, and American public life.

Sessions take place from 8:45–9:45 AM in Room 1 at the church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave. The series is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Topics include:

What Is Christian Nationalism? A Primer *Led by Brad Starr, Ph.D.*

September 13 & 20

Since January 6, 2021, the term "Christian Nationalism" has come into wide use to describe a powerful movement rooted in the conviction that Christians are entitled — and obligated — to exercise power across American political and cultural life. Over two sessions, participants will work toward a clear definition of Christian Nationalism, survey the range of groups and figures who advocate its principles, examine its core beliefs and goals, and trace its influence on recent American politics and culture.

Unpacking *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder *Led by Duane Bidwell, Ph.D., and David Menefee-Libey, Ph.D.*

September 27, October 4, 11 & 18

In uncertain times, people often turn to history for guidance. Historian Timothy Snyder does exactly that in his short 2017 book, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, drawing on decades studying the rise of communism and fascism in Europe and the wars that followed. Snyder distills that history into blunt, practical counsel — for example, "Do not obey in advance," "Make eye contact and small talk," among others. Participants will read and discuss the book together over four Sundays, guided by the facilitators.

The 2026 Midterm Elections *Led by David Menefee-Libey, Ph.D.*

October 25

Ten days ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, Pomona College political scientist David Menefee-Libey will offer his assessment of where things stand nationally, with quick summaries of key Senate and House races — the candidates, their competing visions, what's known (and unknown) about voter opinion, and the likely range of outcomes. A lively discussion will follow.

Location: Claremont Presbyterian Church, Room 1

Time: 8:45–9:45 AM, Sundays

Dates: September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25

For more information, contact Claremont Presbyterian Church at 909.624.9693 or visit www.claremontpres.org.

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