



## SPEAKER:

**Rachel Vendsel** is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Dallas, Texas, specializing in marriage, trauma, and grief. A graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary and Biblical Seminary, she and husband Mike have two children and are active in their local church. Rachel enjoys needlework, cooking, poetry, and church history. She especially loves a good British drama!

## WORKSHOP COST:

**\$109 per person** (includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch). Lodging and breakfast are not included. A limited number of scholarships are available, allocated on a first-come, first-served need basis. Request through [womeninthewordinfo@gmail.com](mailto:womeninthewordinfo@gmail.com). Cancellations must be made by September 25 in order to qualify for an \$80 refund.

## HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hampton Inn in Willow Grove is 5 minutes from Calvary PCA. Room rate is \$109, plus tax, and includes breakfast. Call the hotel at (215) 659-3535 and mention **Women in the Word 2019**, or register online at [www.willowgrovepa.hamptoninn.com](http://www.willowgrovepa.hamptoninn.com) and use the group code WIW. **To ensure the group rate, make reservations by October 4.** Saturday overnights may be arranged with the hotel for the same price.

## DIRECTIONS & WORKSHOP LOCATION:

The Workshop will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA), 405 North Easton Road in Willow Grove, PA ([www.calvary-wg.org](http://www.calvary-wg.org)). Minutes from the Willow Grove Mall, the church is easily accessible from the Pennsylvania Turnpike (exit 343; 1 mile south on North Easton Road, on left).

**Child Care Not Provided**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:30 PM	Workshop Sign-in
1:00 PM	<b>Study Group Session 1</b>
2:00 PM	<b>General Session 1</b> Rachel Vendsel <i>God-centered Interpretation</i>
2:45 PM	Refreshment Break
3:00 PM	<b>General Session 2</b> Rachel Vendsel <i>God Appearing: An OT Survey</i>
4:15 PM	Refreshment Break
4:30 PM	<b>Study Group Session 2</b>
6:15 PM	Dinner (included)
7:15 PM	<b>General Session 3</b> Rachel Vendsel <i>God Appearing: A Study of Judges 13</i>
8:45 PM	End for the evening

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	<b>Study Group Session 3</b>
10:30 AM	Refreshment Break
10:45 AM	<b>General Session 4</b> Rachel Vendsel <i>God Appearing: Jesus, the Messiah</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch (included)
1:00 PM	<b>Study Group Session 4</b>
2:30 PM	Refreshment Break
2:45 PM	<b>Study Group Session 5</b>
4:00 PM	<b>Pulling It All Together</b>
4:30 PM	End of Workshop

Women in the Word: A Workshop  
Registrar  
25 Old Spring Road  
Coatesville, PA 19320-1419  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



# WOMEN IN THE WORD

## A WORKSHOP

**General Sessions:**  
Finding Christ in  
Old Testament  
Appearances of God

**Study Groups:**  
Women Helping Women  
Interpret, Apply, and Present  
the Bible to Others

Calvary Presbyterian Church  
405 North Easton Rd.  
Willow Grove, PA 19090



# WOMEN IN THE WORD: A WORKSHOP

## OCTOBER 25-26

**Women in the Word: A Workshop** serves the church by helping women study Scripture in a way that is informed, reasoned, and reverent — strengthening both those who teach and those who study on their own. In large group sessions and interactive study groups, this annual event by its very format proclaims that the Word is worth our work and the Author is worthy of our worship! We are now in our fourteenth year.

### GENERAL SESSIONS

#### RACHEL VENDSEL—FINDING CHRIST IN OLD TESTAMENT APPEARANCES OF GOD

Reading the Bible is an opportunity to encounter the God whose nature it is to reveal Himself to people who long to know him. One way to summarize the Bible’s story is to say it is about God coming and making Himself known in order to establish communion with mankind. Throughout the Old Testament, the invisible God makes himself visible, giving glimpses of his glory and presence in symbols such as fire, cloud, and thunderstorm. These anticipate His perfect and permanent self-revelation in Jesus Christ. Approaching Scripture from the perspective of God’s presence opens up other major themes which help make sense of the unified story that is centered around Jesus. Join us as we survey the many ways God reveals himself in the Old Testament, and then explore the rich connections between these appearances of God and their final expression in the person and work of Christ.

### STUDY GROUPS

**Small Study Groups are the heart -- the unique heart -- of the Workshop.** Study Groups are where we practice reading Scripture contextually, heighten our awareness of the “Big Picture” of God’s redemptive plan, and ground implications and worship in what God reveals about Himself in the text. Most of us struggle to study this way, so having a safe place to practice is beneficial. Season this time with the joy of studying Scripture with others and you catch a glimpse of the uniqueness of Study Groups.

#### THE TEACHER TRACK

...is for you who plan to lead or teach a Bible study. **At home** you study your assigned passage and develop a 5-minute lesson based on a central idea in the text. Specific steps to help you are in the Preparation Materials. **At the Workshop**, you present that very short, abridged lesson to your group. Your leader facilitates a feedback-driven discussion of your lesson’s content and central idea as you explore the biblical text together.

#### THE PERSONAL STUDY TRACK

...is for you who want to sharpen your Bible study skills and develop new ones. **At home** you study your assigned passage and identify a central idea in the text. Specific steps to help you are in the Preparation Materials. **At the Workshop**, you present to your group a 5-minute explanation showing how your passage supports your central idea. Your leader facilitates a feedback-driven discussion of your central idea as you explore the biblical text together.

*“Study Group was an encouraging, affirming environment.”*

*“So much quality time in General and Study Group sessions! Not a moment was wasted.”*

*“Wonderful! I really loved all the info, feedback, and encouragement.”*

*“Great mix of backgrounds and personalities leading to sound teaching, discussion and worship.”*

*“I never dug in so deep before but I truly enjoyed it.”*

— Quotes from 2018 attendees

**REGISTRATION** (Deadline: September 25)  
Online registration at [www.womeninthewordworkshop.org](http://www.womeninthewordworkshop.org)

Name *(as you’d like it to appear on your name badge)*

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email *(where your prep materials will be sent unless directed below)*

Church name/Denomination/City/State

I have attended WiW before.

**What do you hope to learn at WiW?**

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#### Study Group Preference

Personal Study Track  Teacher Track

#### I prefer to study

Old Testament  New Testament  Either

Send my preparation materials by regular mail, NOT by email

#### Registration Cost: \$109

I’ve included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to contribute to the scholarship fund *(optional)*

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Women in the Word**.

Submit with registration form to:

**Women in the Word: A Workshop**  
**Attn: Cathy Bryan, Registrar**  
**25 Old Spring Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-1419**

The Registrar will confirm your registration by email. Your Study Group and Bible passage assignment, along with Workshop Preparation Materials, will be emailed by **October 7** *(unless you specify regular mail)*.

Inquiries: [womeninthewordinfo@gmail.com](mailto:womeninthewordinfo@gmail.com)

### WHO SHOULD COME?

- Women interested in strengthening their Bible study skills
- Women who will teach the Bible

### BEFORE THE WORKSHOP YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Your Study Group placement
- Your assigned Scripture passage
- Workshop Preparation Materials
- Help from your Study Group Leader

Your preparation before the Workshop is **specific** to your Study Group and is **essential** to its effectiveness.

### AT THE WORKSHOP YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Honing your God-focused view of a text
- Biblical exposition on the unique appearances of God
- Practice interpreting and applying the Bible
- Encouragement from Study Group Leaders
- Fellowship with like-minded women
- Browsing the CLC book table

#### More Information:

[www.womeninthewordworkshop.org](http://www.womeninthewordworkshop.org)

#### Facebook:

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