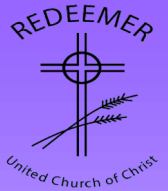


Marriage in The Bible

Workshop: Redeemer United Church of Christ– W220 N4915 Town Line Road,
Menomonee Falls,



Jennifer Bird, PhD:

About Dr. Bird

Originally from Roanoke, Virginia, Dr. Bird is currently living in the Portland, Oregon area, teaching part time for the University of Portland and Portland Community College. She can regularly be found teaching classes for Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, as well, covering topics from Process Theology to "Putting Paul in His Place" (an eight week class trying to reframe the way people think of the development of Christianity, scrutinizing the book of Acts, Paul's letters, and relevant elements of the gospels). She earned a BS in Mathematics from Virginia Tech (1994), an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary (2001), and a PhD in New Testament and Early Christianity from Vanderbilt University (2007). Though Bird attended a Presbyterian seminary, completing two internships at Presbyterian Churches in New York City and briefly seeking ordination to a teaching position within the Presbyterian Church, she grew up in a family quite active in a United Methodist Church.

What to Expect at the Workshop:

Marriage in the Bible: What Is and Is Not in the Bible

Individuals, churches, and communities across the country are struggling to know what their faithful response should be to potentially difficult subjects, including matters related to the LGBTQ+ community, such as whether or not to affirm same-sex marriages and whether or not to ordain such members. How do we discuss our beliefs in productive faithful conversations when our perspectives might differ from those of other persons?

Dr. Jennifer Bird knows what it is like to be uncertain about what the Bible says on important issues such as marriage. The Bible is quite complex on this (or any other) topic. Wanting a simple, clear-cut answer is understandable, but is not quite fair to expect of Scripture.

Part of the solution is to be careful and honest about what *is* and *is not* in the Bible that relates to this conversation.

Dr. Bird is eager to give persons some space and time in which to read and wrestle with what is and is not in the Bible on this topic, guided by her award-winning teaching style and compassion. Her goal is to educate.

Register Now at [Redeemerucc.org/registration](https://redeemerucc.org/registration)



**Friday
February 15th**

7-8:30 PM

Childcare Available

**Saturday
February 16th**

8:30-5:00

Boxed Lunch

Childcare Available

**Sunday
February 17th**

10:00 AM

Guest Preacher

Schedule

Wednesday February 6th

Preliminary Work for Workshop Effectiveness

7:00 PM Permission Granted: Take the Bible into your own hands Chapter 1.

Wednesday February 13th

Preliminary Work for Workshop Effectiveness

7:00 PM Permission Granted: Take the Bible into your own hands Chapter 2.

Friday February 15th

7:00-8:30PM How to reframe the way you think about the Bible and reframe what you expect from the Bible. Get to know Dr. Bird and ask her questions. Mentally prepare for Saturday.

Saturday February 16th

8:30-9:00 Gather, mingle over coffee, find small groups

9:00-10:00 Small Groups: First round of passages

10:00-10:15 Break: water, coffee refills, bathroom, etc.

10:15-11:45 Large Group: Lead by Dr. Bird

11:45-1:15 Lunch

1:15-1:30 Gather back into small groups

1:30-2:30 Small groups: second round of passages

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:15 Large Group: Dr. Bird

4:15-? Q & A, discussing what is desired for the next steps

