

God of our Workplace

God of our workplace, God in our city,
Stones in our buildings honour your name;
Churches and chapels raised to your glory,
Monuments, blessings, civic acclaim,

But where goes the Spirit,
Where blows the Spirit of God,
Where is the heart that should beat?
Only in people,
Spirited people, spirited people,
People who walk on our street.

Traffic and trading, daily commuters,
Street kids and strollers make up our scene,
Food banks deliver, stock markets tumble,
Eyes of the city watching the screen,

And there goes the Spirit,
Here blows the Spirit of God.
How will injustices cease?
Working through people,
Spirited people, spirited people,
Passionate people for peace.

Part of a hymn by Shirley Erena Murray

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Pentecost Prayer



God of Power

May the boldness of your Spirit transform us
May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us
May the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength
now and always. Amen

Presbyterian Book
of Common Worship

Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please
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Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

Acts 2: 1-21 Luke links the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early Christian followers with the great Jewish festival of the Feast of Weeks or Harvest or First Fruits.

Ezekial 37: 1-14 Ezekiel's vision is of a valley of dry bones brought to life. He was speaking of the disillusioned Jewish exiles of the 6th Century BC, stranded in Babylon without hope.

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35B

Romans 8: 22-27 Paul points to a glorious hope for both creation and humankind, by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 John provides another insight into the giving of the Holy Spirit, warning the disciples of the challenges ahead for the church and the work of the Spirit among them.

Services coming up:

May 23 Rev Shelley – Pentecost and Wesley Day

May 30 Nan Russell – Trinity Sunday

June 6 Rev Shelley – Communion

June 13 Lynn Pinkerton

June 20 Rev Shelley – Disability Sunday

June 27 Rev Shelley – World Refugee Sunday

Rest Home Services coming up:

25 May (Tuesday): 2pm Highfield CHT

28 May (Friday): Beattie Home, Otorohanga

Our **wwwexplore service and supplied meal** this month is Friday May 28th at 6pm



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We pray for others:

For those struggling with disability and their carers
For workers injured in accidents and the family who sit by their bedside encouraging them.
For people coping with mental health difficulties.

Concert today

Tim Carpenter is bringing 60-70 young choristers to St John's Anglican Church on Sunday 23 May at 2 pm. Tickets \$20 at the door. Don't miss this one!

Wesley Day Service

At 5 pm tonight there will be a service celebrating John Wesley (1703-1791) at All Saints Community Church, 191 Sandwich Road, St Andrews, Hamilton. Guest Preacher is Vice President of the Methodist Church 'Etuini Talakai' This is a Synod-wide service. Please bring a small plate of finger food.



Our **Methodist Women's Fellowship** will meet Thursday **May 27**. This will be a 'Knitter/Natter' afternoon. We want to knit a knee rug for the Assisi Home. Bring 4mm (size 8) needles. Some wool will be supplied.

Would you like to be Synod Treasurer?

Margaret Giles is stepping down from her position as Synod Treasurer at the end of this year. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this important task, please see Rev Shelley

Time to smile

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

