

Saturday, March 21st

Good morning everyone!

It is a bright and sunny day.

I was walking to the Church on Wednesday and noticed a dramatic absence of vehicles on the streets. There was an eerie calm as I stopped and listened. It was the sound of the world shutting down.

I walked into the pet food store this morning and was met at the door. I was asked what I wished to purchase, they retrieved it for me and I paid for it. Good for them to take such precautions.

The South Grenville Journal had an editorial entitled: "Not Even God?" The bottom paragraph read: "...but even in my depleted state of belief, I have to wonder about a time when fear is stronger than faith.."

He was commenting on the fact that Churches are closing. I am considering writing an article to the paper not in response to this but suggesting that God is trying to get our attention!!

During the next few weeks I will be emailing you 2 or 3 times a week. The purpose is to keep in touch and to encourage you.

I was reading Psalm 46 this morning: It begins "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.....Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth". Read these words out loud and rejoice that our faith in God is real and constant with us.

Wonderful words of comfort. These Psalms which reflect trouble and distress are so relevant for us today.

I encourage you to pray Psalm 91 for yourself, family, country and the world.

Governments around the world are trying everything they know to fight the war against this virus. Pray that they might be given a revelation that we need to come before God, confess that we have been trying to run this world on our own and we need the Almighty to help, protect and heal the nations of the world.

Below is a link to a live stream for a worship service tomorrow. Consider joining this link at 10 am.

May God be with us all as we live in this time of uncertainty and distress.

The Lord bless you and keep you in His peace.

Rev. David

Parkwood Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, Ontario, will be live streaming worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. EDT. Shortly before the service, links will be provided on the church's [home page](#) and on the church's [Facebook page](#).