



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

UKirk Thanksgiving Harvest Sunday

November 21, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.

I Worried

Mary Oliver

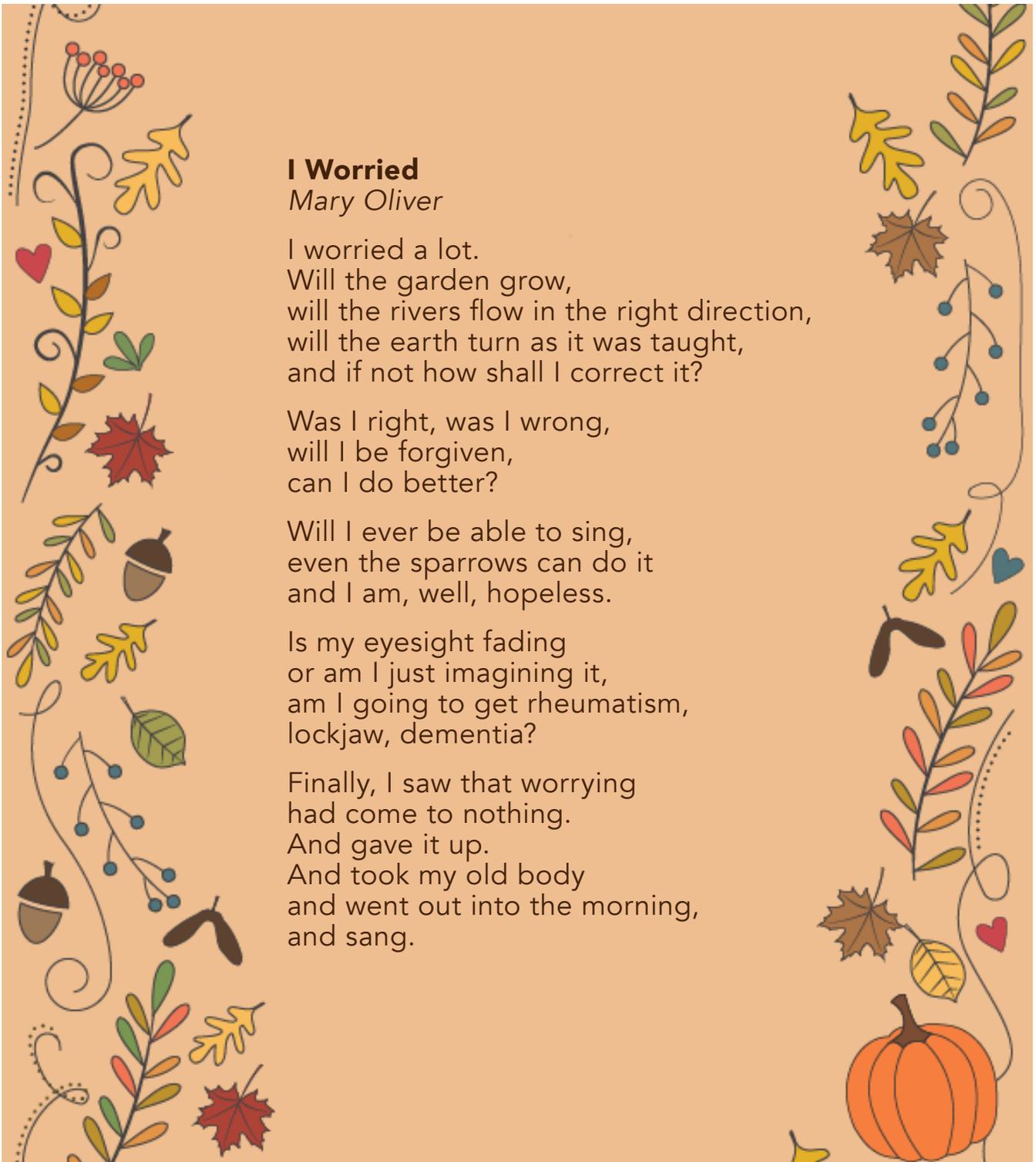
I worried a lot.
Will the garden grow,
will the rivers flow in the right direction,
will the earth turn as it was taught,
and if not how shall I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong,
will I be forgiven,
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing,
even the sparrows can do it
and I am, well, hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading
or am I just imagining it,
am I going to get rheumatism,
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally, I saw that worrying
had come to nothing.
And gave it up.
And took my old body
and went out into the morning,
and sang.



Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are familiar with our traditions or still find it all a bit strange . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. We take seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one unified community.

Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We sing with joy and we pray with honesty.

Hospitality is important and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade on the Church Lawn after worship. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a warm, approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. If you're looking for a perfect church, we aren't it. We're real people, and we do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, though little ones are often more engaged when they are able to see everything going on. We understand that children come fully equipped with wiggles, giggles, questions and noises. Your child's presence among us is a gift. We include a time especially for children as part of each worship service. Child care is available in Room 107 for kindergarten-aged children and younger, if that is your preference. For more information about children's and family ministries, please contact Rev. Molly Spangler at mspankler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Current Covid-19 Protocols

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, your health and safety is extremely important to us. So, too, is the health and safety of our community. **Presently, masks are required indoors at all times.** Eating and drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most up-to-date studies have demonstrated that when masks are worn properly, singing is safe. Social distancing remains in place. Our worship services are still somewhat altered to accommodate this.

We love our neighbors and we believe these practices are the best way to put that love into action. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Nickie Riley

Deo Gracias

ARR. J. JOHNSON

* Call to Worship

Colby Mason

Consider the lilies; they neither toil nor spin,
and God takes care of them.

May we trust in God's care for us.

Behold the birds of the air; they neither reap nor sow,
and God cares for them.

May we trust in God's care for us.

Let us worship our loving God together! Amen.

* Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Confession

Mary Fraser Kay

Prayer of Confession

**God of Grace, we bring to you
our ingratitude**

for all that you have done for us,

our impatience

when prayers seem to be ignored,

our selfishness

when prompted to give or share,

our unfaithfulness

when wandering from your way.

**We ask for your forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ who gave all,
that we might learn to do likewise.**

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Our Life Together

Rev. John Cook

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Kristin Hair, MC Jordan, Jordan Roberts

Prayer for Illumination
Amanda Ledford

Scripture Readings

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rebecca Hyatt Guzman God, Our Maker

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Prayers of the People
Joey Kendrick

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Offering
Owings Holler

Offerings may be placed in the boxes near each exit upon leaving. You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256 or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.

Anthem
Chancel Choir
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow!
OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him, above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**Your importance in our lives, O God,
is reflected in our generosity.
We return to you a portion of all you have given us,
trusting that you will use it
to bring healing and hope to the world you love.
Make us partners in that work, we pray,
making use of our time and abilities, too,
just as you have throughout every generation.
Bless every gift, whatever its size,
and multiply the good it can do.
Enable our offerings to do
even more than we can imagine. Amen.**

* Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Benediction

Postlude

Grey Holler

Highland Cathedral, traditional

ULRICH ROEVER AND MICHAEL KORBWILL

Worship Notes

ON THIS UKIRK HARVEST SUNDAY, we welcome Rebecca Hyatt Guzman back to Columbia and Shandon as we celebrate Shandon's abundant harvest in campus ministry. Rebecca is the director of spiritual formation at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. She participated in the Presbyterian Student Association during college and chaperoned a Shandon youth mission trip in 2003 when a very pregnant Susannah Cook was desperate enough to let a 21 year old do so (this turned out to be integral to her call to ministry!). She graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2009 with a master's degree in Christian education and has served churches in Virginia and South Carolina. She is originally from Summerville. Rebecca and her husband, Rafael, have a 9-year-old daughter, Clara.

On behalf of the over 45 students, faculty and staff we serve every week in ministry, great thanksgiving to Shandon for their over 20-year faithful support of campus ministry in partnership with Trinity Presbyterian. We celebrate our abundant harvest:

- 27 UKirk alumni we have helped to, through and beyond seminary by our mentoring and ministry in 21 years.
- 22 UKirk alumni serving churches – 18 in ordained positions, along with one director of spiritual formation.
- Seven servant leaders we have helped send into mission in 21 years of ministry – including four UKirk alumni who have served as Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) – not to mention the untold UKirk alumni faithfully serving churches and the world as missionaries, Sunday School teachers, youth group advisors, coaches, disciples, students and servant-leaders.

We hope you witness the fruits of your faithfulness to this vital ministry in the testimony of our students and preacher today. Thank you, Shandon!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Rev. John Cook, MC Jordan and University of South Carolina students Mary Fraser Kay (Shandon and Columbia), Kristin Hair (Decatur, Georgia), Owings Holler (Sumter), Joey Kendrick (Rock Hill), Amanda Ledford (Fort Mill), Colby Mason (Middletown, RI), and Jordan Roberts (Shandon and Columbia); guest organist Nickie Riley; the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker; and Grey Holler (Sumter).

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION was written by John Birch. The call to confession and assurance come from UKirk/PSA alumus Rev. Chris Peters.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in thanks to Shandon Presbyterian Church for its faithful support of Presbyterian campus ministry for 21 years!

JOIN US OUTSIDE for lemonade and lemon cookies after worship! In addition, Deacon Dee DeBerry will receive pastoral concerns and prayer requests outside the Memorial Garden.

Announcements

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM SHANDON'S STAFF

We wish our Shandon friends and family the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving season. We are so grateful for all of you.

ADVENT FESTIVAL: NOVEMBER 28. Join us on the front lawn 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, November 28, for the annual Advent Festival with activities for all ages to kick off the season. Make a live greenery Advent wreath for your home, or help pack toiletry kits to share in our community. We also will have crafts for all ages and enjoy hearty treats and warm drinks.

ADVENT BONFIRE AND CHILI DINNER. Join your Shandon church family and friends for the annual Advent Bonfire at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, December 5. We will gather on the front lawn for chili and hot drinks followed by caroling and music around the bonfire. Bring a chair and a blanket and remember to invite our Shandon neighbors to join us this Advent season. To help us plan, please sign up if you would like to bring chili to share: bit.ly/spcbonfire2021.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS: CAROL SING. Our monthly SOW fellowship will meet December 8 for a pizza meal at 5:15 p.m. Then we'll enjoy our annual Carol Sing at 6 p.m., followed by hot chocolate and cookies. All choirs are meeting weekly according to the schedule. A nursery is provided each Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Look for updates in your email.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY. Help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season and Christmas Eve services. You may remember or honor a loved one with your order. Red poinsettias will be in 6-1/2 inch pots wrapped in gold foil. Cost is \$16 each. Go to bit.ly/spcpoinsettias2021 to order online. For a printable order form to return to the church office, go to bit.ly/poinsettiasprint2021. You may pay by check (indicate poinsettia) or online at bit.ly/poinsettias2021pay. Order deadline is December 10. You may pick up your poinsettias after December 26 to be enjoyed in your home or given to someone else to enjoy.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH: FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES. This year our Shandon Helping Families program will provide gifts for the families of Family Promise, books for the children of the Weekend Backpack Food Program (Rosewood and A.C. Moore elementary schools), and grocery gift cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. Look for a link on the Shandon website for our virtual giving tree where you can choose a "tag" to help provide a little Christmas joy for the families whom Shandon supports throughout the year. Wrapped gifts – including books – must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 12. No gift bags, please.

CALLING ALL SHANDON CULINARY ARTISTS. On Sunday, December 12, Arts at Shandon will host a silent auction in the Atrium following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This is a perfect opportunity to showcase your baking talent and/or snag a delectable dessert to take along to a holiday party. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of the Midlands. If you would like to provide a dessert for the auction, please send an email to artsatshandon@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 8. For details, click on the "Connect" tab at shandonpresbyterian.org.

LEARN SPANISH. Shandon is offering six-week beginner and intermediate classes for anyone who wants to learn Spanish or brush up their skills. Classes are planned for 6-7 p.m. Thursdays in Davis Hall and will begin when 8-10 people are signed up. The six-class cost is \$15 weekly or \$85 in advance. For questions or to sign up, contact Artie Hughes, 803-467- 0995 or ath1950@aol.com. For more information, click on the "Connect" tab at shandonpresbyterian.org.



Advent and Christmas at Shandon Presbyterian

November 28 – December 24

Sermon Series: A Thrill of Hope

November 28

Advent Festival
11:30 a.m.

December 5

5:30 p.m.
Advent bonfire and chili dinner
Sign up to bring chili:
bit.ly/spcbonfire2021

December 8

Shandon on Wednesdays
Carol Sing
6 p.m.

December 12

Gerald Finzi's "In Terra Pax"
and seasonal music

December 21

Service of the Longest Night
7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve services

4 p.m. Children's service
8 p.m. Candlelight Service
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

December 26

Lessons and Carols
10:30 a.m.

Worship Archives: shandonpresbyterian.org

Sermon Podcast: soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
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