

# CALL TO WORSHIP

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Harpeth Baptist Church

*The Old Testament, an overview*

## Proverbs

### *God's Wisdom*

Text: The Book of Proverbs

### Songs for 11am:

559 For the Beauty of the Earth

174 Under His Wings

The Lord Is My Salvation

507 In the Garden

Responsive reading: Psalm 143

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### This week's special music

[The Lord Is My Salvation](#)—click to listen

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### Hymn History

#### For the Beauty of the Earth

- ♪ Author: Folliett Sanford Pierpoint
- ♪ Original Title: The Sacrifice of Praise
- ♪ Original version had 8 verses
- ♪ Original refrain "Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise" later replaced by "Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise".
- ♪ Omitted verse:

For Thy Bride that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This Pure Sacrifice of Love:  
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.

Folliot Sanford Pierpoint (1835-1917) was 29 years old when he returned to the city of his birth, Bath, England. The beauty of the countryside in the late spring inspired him to write the words to the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth." Pierpoint included thanks for God's creation, social blessings, and also thanked God for his spiritual blessings. This hymn was originally written for the communion service. Each stanza concluded with the words, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise, alluding to Hebrews 13:15.

*By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

*Hebrews 13:15*