



Rite of Passage: Turning 12

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday June 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**

Gathering hymns:

STJ (green) #2 Come, walk with us

HWB (blue) #70 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God, who created all things, takes delight in all things,
including us!

**All: God of glory, God of grace, you are exalted in all the
earth!**

One: Christ, who walked the streets of our world, gives hope
to all people, including us!

**All: God of glory, God of grace, Your Son showed us
justice and grace.**

One: God's Spirit, who touches our souls, bears truth and
peace to us!

**All: God of glory, God of grace, your love surrounds our
every moment.**

Invocation

Children's Time

Hymn: STJ (green) #27 God of the Bible

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52 *(see last page)*

Rite of Passage for Children Turning Twelve *(see insert)*

Hymn: HWB (blue) #546 Guide my feet

Sermon: *"So You Got Your Bible, Now What?"*

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #349 Spirit of... (3x)

Benediction

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Childcare (infants to age 4): The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship service, is available by the sanctuary entrance.

Offering Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Welcome Visitors We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or one of the ministers.

At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.

With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.

Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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Introduction

Sharing from Parents

Bible Presentation

Congregational Response:

We celebrate this milestone of turning 12! These Bibles are one way to show our commitment to you and our ongoing desire to discover God's ways with you.

We rejoice in who you are and look forward to walking in God's ways together.

The Bible is God's story - a story of God and creation.

We are part of God's creation. This is our story.

In this story there are encounters with God.

We hope it helps you to encounter God.

In this story we meet Jesus who reveals the face of God.

We hope it helps you see and reflect the face of Jesus.

In this story we see God's spirit moving through people and all creation.

We hope it helps you to sense God's spirit moving in you and around you.

This is God's story. It reveals God's dreams of a world of love and peace.

This is our story. Together we will seek God and help each other live out God's dreams each day.