



**PRAXIS** *life intersecting with faith*

**WHAT:** **PRAXIS** is a community of people dedicated to grappling with hard questions of faith and life in order that we might bring the Kingdom of God to earth in a real, tangible way – just like all churches. We are passionate about Jesus and figuring out how to be better disciples together. We want to build an alternative way of being “church” in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We may do things differently but we follow the same Spirit that calls us to a life of saving grace in Jesus.

**WHY:** This gathering is a response to the fact that not everyone feels comfortable worshipping in a formal environment. Our worship includes music led by our dynamic Praise Band, a conversational message led by Pastor Matt that gets us involved in "working through" the Bible passage for the morning, and sharing prayers concerns and celebrations. We may watch a video, dissect a popular song, participate in hands-on mission, celebrate baptisms and communion, or spend time with ancient Christian rituals.

**WHEN:** Every Sunday at 11:00a.m.

**WHERE:** The ground level Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church 502 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street

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**CORE VALUES:**

- **People** – *people matter to God. We are created to in God’s image*
- **Togetherness** – *we connect as a mission-based community*
- **Formation** – *our time together form us into the body of Jesus in the world*
- **Participation** – *everyone discovering their role in God’s Kingdom*
- **Grace** – *we are all in different places in our faith journey and all desperate for the help of God.*

**KIDS ARE IMPORTANT TO US.** We want our kids to love Jesus and feel like they are a part of PRAXIS. Our desire is to have families worshipping together and participating in our gatherings. We do have a nursery available for children up to 5 years old.

**A CASUAL ATMOSPHERE.** We want to worship God in a way feels like you are sitting around your kitchen table talking to your best friend. We want to encourage conversation and participation so we sit around tables and have simple refreshments provided by members.

*I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God not burnt offerings.* -- Hosea 6:6

*Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.* -- James 2:26

*God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* -- Micah 6:8

**WE ARE PROUDLY A MINISTRY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MANITOWOC**