



Church Council is pleased to announce the addition of an Induction Loop System to our existing sound system in the Sanctuary to enhance the worship experience for anyone who experiences difficulty in hearing the service. The system was installed in early July and has been very well received by everyone who has had a chance to experience the dramatic difference it makes. You may have noticed some members wearing headphones during the service over the past few weeks, and if so they are enjoying the benefits of the new system.

An Induction Loop System allows users with a telecoil equipped hearing device (switched to the T or MT position) or anyone using an Induction Loop Receiver to listen inductively to sound transmitted through a magnetic field without the interference of background noise. We have receivers available for worship by asking the ushers or Nick Mitchell who will help you get the most from your worship experience.

The telecoil is familiar to many as the method used by the telephone companies to make it easier for a hearing aid user to use a telephone. The telecoil in a hearing aid picks up the sound via the magnetic field generated by the diaphragm coil in the receiver of a telephone.

In a noisy environment, or one in which reverberations and echoes are noticeable, we all find it difficult at times to hear and understand what is said. For a person with impaired hearing wearing a hearing aid, it can be almost impossible to hear and understand under such conditions.

The Induction Loop Systems offer the following advantages:

- Hearing aids with a telecoil **do not need a loop receiver / headset to receive the sound signal.**
- The Induction Loop System **can be used by anyone** without a telecoil equipped hearing aid by using an ILR2 receiver / headset or similar.
- Induction Loop Systems deliver **sound directly to the hearing aid or receiver** in pure, undistorted form. This optimizes the benefits of hearing aids that are customized for an individual's specific hearing loss. The signal provided by an induction loop system is not affected by the distance the listener is from the sound source, nor by any interfering background noises in the room. This significantly improves the intelligibility of speech.
- An Induction Loop System **can be used without others in the area being disturbed by the sound level,** as it is individually controlled by the user.

Some comments by members after experiencing the system:

- "Today was the first time I have heard a sermon in over 10 years! This is such an amazing system to help out the hard of hearing!"
- "I was able to hear things in the service that I have never heard. This system picks up everything."
- "I was able to hear the children's sermon in the balcony today. We never can hear the children's sermon. This has truly made the worship service more enjoyable."
- "This is absolutely amazing, I want to take it both home with me and everywhere I go. The clarity of the service is amazing."

Have you been missing any parts of the service, or maybe not even attending services due to the inability to fully hear or understand The Word? We ask that you please come and give it a try for yourself and hear what you have been missing. We really hope that you will take full advantage of this system as it will definitely enhance your worship experience.

**\*\*\*WE RECOMMEND BRINGING YOUR OWN HEADPHONES FOR USE WITH RECEIVERS\*\*\***