Explaination of the "Audio Loop" System at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

St Andrew Presbyterian Church is "Looped". No - not too much alcohol. St Andrew Presbyterian Church has a system installed in the Sanctuary that assists people with hearing difficulties to better hear the service. This system is called an "Audio Loop" System. The system works 2 different ways. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-Coil, you can switch on the T-Coil and hear the service in your hearing aids. With your hearing aid controls, you can adjust the volume to a desirable level. The other option is to pick up a pair of headphones from the usher. The headphones include a small battery pack and volume control that is hung around your neck. With the headphones and the battery pack, you can hear the service in your headphones and adjust the volume to a desirable level. If you have hearing aids and you don't know whether or not they have a T-Coil, you should consult your Audiologist or the person who dispensed your hearing aids. Go to the Loop New Mexico Website, loopnm.com, for more information about the Audio Loop System.

View diagram below for more details on How a Hearing Loop Works
How a Hearing Loop works

1. A sound source such as a microphone, public-address system or TV feeds sound into an amplifier via an electrical current.

2. The amplifier sends the current to a wire-loop that (in most cases) surrounds the room.

3. The current generates a magnetic field, which emanates from the loop.

4. Tiny wire telecoils built into many hearing aids and cochlear implants turn the magnetic signal into an audio signal.

5. The hearing aid or implant converts the signal into sound that meets the listener's needs.

This symbol lets people know that a room is looped so they can switch their hearing aids to telecoil (or “T”) mode.