

Can You Hear Me Now???

We are pleased to announce the coming installation of a **new, state-of-the-art hearing assist sound system** in mid December. The system uses high frequency radio transmittal instead of infra red, so “drop outs” are minimized no matter where you are seated (within 1,000 feet of the transmitter) and provides super-clean audio. Receivers are lightweight and small enough to clip to your belt, fit in a pocket or be hand held. The receivers have rechargeable batteries, in keeping with our environmental stewardship practices. The earpieces are small, lightweight and very comfortable. Because of the variety of hearing aids, you will need to simply try using this system with your hearing aid. (An usher will assist you in locating a receiver before each service. Please arrive as early as possible to request help before the service.) Additional hardware can be purchased and added to our system should there be interference with a hearing aid, as the funds become available.

We currently have funding to provide four receivers. As additional funds become available and if the need arises, more receivers will be added. If this system would help enhance your total worship experience, please be in touch with the parish office so we can better understand our needs. (This system will help with both spoken word and music.) If you would like to make a contribution to help defray the initial cost of installation or purchase more receivers or other needed equipment, please speak to Bill Florent, our Treasurer, or mail a check to the parish office, payable to Emmanuel Church and noted “Hearing Assist Sound System.”

We are grateful to Mr. Douglas Aldridge, a new member at Emmanuel, for taking the initiative to request this system and for his generous gift which provided most, but not all, of the initial purchase and installation expenses.