

Organ vocabulary

Pedal board – the keys you play with your feet

Stops – the knobs you pull out to get a particular instrument sound

Manuale – the keyboards (1-6 of them are possible)

Shades – the shutters on a pipe chamber that can make the sound softer

Timbre – the kind of sound. Flute sound would be one timbre; violin might be another

Ranks – rows of pipes that play a particular sound

Rank – a row of pipes of one tone color brought into play by a stop knob or tablet

Chests – what groups of sounds are placed into

Chest – the box on which pipes stand, filled with air

Organ crawl – touring the inside of an organ back in the pipes

Swell, Positive, Great – divisions of pipes that are played by different keyboards

Console – the control center of the organ

Positif, Positiv

German and French for **Positive** – a division of the organ, usually open and bright in sound

Shutters – the wooden slats that enclose a swell box

Stop – the knob or tablet that pulls a rank of pipes into play