Organ vocabulary

**Pedal board** – the keys you play with your feet

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

**Manuals** – 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