

The original organ at Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, Illinois, was an E. M. Skinner instrument, installed in 1931 in two organ chambers on either side of the chancel, with an Echo division in the back balcony. Its design was in accordance with the tonal philosophy of the day.

In 1956, the Schlicker Organ Company, of Buffalo, New York, was contracted to enlarge and update the original instrument. Under the direction of consultant Paul Bunjes, the organ was rebuilt along classic lines. The most notable results were an unexpressive Great division and the replacement of the enclosed Choir with a new Positif division.

In 1986, Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders Inc., of Bellwood, Illinois, rebuilt the organ, revoicing the existing pipework and adding new ranks and a new console. The result is an instrument that uplifts congregational worship and adapts well to the performance of historic and contemporary literature.

Grace's current organist is Cantor Michael Costello. Many world-class organists have been featured in recitals at Grace, including E. Power Biggs, Peter Hurford, Marie-Claire Alain, and David Schrader. The organ may be heard on the Pro Organo recording *French Fest*, with guest organist Mark Laubach.

Stop List

Great (II)

Bourdon 16'
Principal 8'
Waldfloete 8'
Octave 4'
Querfloete 4'
Quinte 2-2/3'
Octave 2'
Quintenone II
Mixture IV-V
Gross Kornett II
Harold Trumpet 8'
Trompete 8'
Cloches

Positif (I)

Gedackt 8'
Klein Principal 4'
Rohrfloete 4'
Gemshorn 2'
Larigot 1-1/3'
Sesquialtera II
Scharf III-IV
Regale Fort 16'
Groß Dulzian 8'
Tremulant

Swell (III) (Expressive)

Principal 8'
Flûte à Cheminee 8'
Viole de Gambe 8'
Viole Céleste 8'
Octave 4'
Flûte Triangulaire 4'
Nazard 2-2/3'
Quarte de Nazard 2'
Tiercessept II
Plein Jeu IV
Chalumeau 16'
Trompette 8'
Hautbois 8'
Voix Humaine 8'
Clarion 4'
Celésta Grave 8'
Tremulant

Echo

Rohrgedackt 8'
Flachfloete 4'
Weit Principal 2'
Rausch II

Chorsatz

Barduen 8'
Koppelfloete 4'
Principal 2'
Terz 1-3/5'
Klein Nasat 1-1/3'
Offenfloete 1'
Nonenzimbel III
Geigend Regal 8'
Tremulant

Pedal

Acoustic Bass 32'
Open Wood 16'
Kontrabass 16'
Bourdon 16'
Octave 8'
Spitzfloete 8'
Choralbass 4'
Nachthorn 2'
Mixturbass IV
Kornettbass II
Bombarde 32'
Posaune 16'
Tromba 8'
Schalmei 4'
Cloches

Other

Clochettes, 5 bells
(Zimbelstern)
Full intramanual couplers
128-level combination action
Electric slider chests
82 ranks