

**Stories - Cast List from a Sermon**  
**by Rev. Sheri L. Curry**  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
College Hill Presbyterian Church

**Martin Luther King Jr (1929-1964)**  
Orator, civil rights activist

**Rev. John Gloucester (1776-1822)**  
First African American ordained in Presbyterian Church  
Founder, First African Presbyterian Church  
Girard Ave & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia

**Rev. Gideon Blackburn**  
Missionary, Educator  
Purchased Gloucester, freed upon call to Philadelphia

**Rev. Archibald Alexander**  
Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

**Elder Lucy Craft Laney (1854-1933)**  
Founder, Haines Normal and Industrial School, August, GA

**Mary Jane Macleod Bethune (1875-1955)**  
Educator, stateswoman, philanthropist, humanitarian, womanist, civil rights activist  
Because she was black, Presbyterian mission board denied her request to be  
a missionary in Africa

**Elder Katherine G. Johnson (1918-2020)**  
NASA mathematician whose story is told in *Hidden Figures* and the 2016 movie  
by the same title

**Rev. Cephas Washburn (1793-1860)**  
Missionary to Eastern Cherokee and Western Cherokee  
Founder, Old Dwight Mission (Russellville, AR) & New Dwight Mission (Marble City, OK)  
Boys' dorm at Dwight Mission bears his name  
Also mentioned:  
Rev. Alfred Finney, Brother-in-law  
Dwight Mission Administration Building bears his name  
Buried in cemetery next to Dwight Mission

**ALSO NOTABLE**

**Rev. Edler Hawkins (1907-1977)**  
First African American male moderator of General Assembly  
Accused of being a "troublemaker" and "communist."  
Along with then Stated Clerk Eugene Carson Blake, were the first leaders from the United States  
to be received by at the Vatican (Pope Paul VI)