

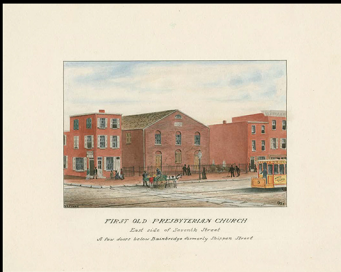
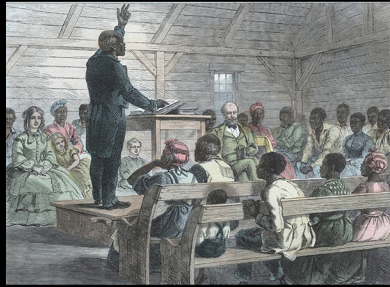
The History of a Black Presbyterian Church

1807

John Gloucester & the First African Presbyterian Church

John Gloucester was born into slavery in 1776. He was eventually purchased, freed, and mentored by a Presbyterian missionary and began preaching as a young man.

Gloucester became the first Black ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church and founded the First African Presbyterian Church in 1807.



■ First African Presbyterian Church charter, 1809 (below).

