Dr. Thelma C.D. Adair
First African American female elected as General Assembly moderator in the history of the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. T. Denise Anderson
First African American co-moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon
First African American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. John Gloucester
First slave ordained to preach in the Presbyterian denomination.

Rev. Edler Hawkins
First African American male moderator of the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
Elder Katherine Johnson
First African American woman to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom and one of the mathematicians featured in the book and movie “Hidden Figures.”

Elder Lucy Craft Laney
Founder and principal of the Haines Institute in Augusta for 50 years (1883–1933).

Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett
First African American president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
First African American Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. Dr. William H. Sheppard
A Presbyterian minister and first African American missionary to the Congo.