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*Peek into the Past:* The history of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church reaches back into the time when history was being made, not written. In spite of the fact that the early settlers were willing to let the court records be the major account of their life and though the loss of the records of the Orange Presbytery destroyed a major source of ecclesiastical history, there is still ample evidence to put together the intriguing story of the Presbyterian congregation first called Clear Creek and now named Philadelphia. In 1770 elders Adam Alexander, Matthew Stewart, Michael Leggett, John Queary and John Ford signed an agreement with representatives of Providence Church to call a minister to supply both churches. The first Clear Creek meeting house was located about two miles east of the present church and adjacent Rock Creek cemetery in which Adam Alexander and probably John Ford were buried. (The History of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church by Rev. Russell Kerr -1970)

*A Musical "Note":* "They joined in praise using Rous' metrical version of the Psalm, which they had brought with them as they traveled south." (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

*Important National Event of 1770:* The Boston Massacre was a deadly riot that occurred on March 5, 1770, on King Street in Boston. It began as a street brawl between American colonists and a lone British soldier, but quickly escalated to a chaotic, bloody slaughter. The conflict energized anti-Britain sentiment and paved the way for the American Revolution.