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Covenant Presbyterian Church (CPC) Resolution on Abolishing Abortion of Preborn Children

(1) **WHEREAS**, an individual human life begins at the moment God combines the reproductive cell of a man with that of a woman and begins the process of forming the body of the child in the womb—biblically called conception, and biologically called fertilization (Gen. 4:1, 17; 16:11; 21:2; 25:22; 29:32; 29:33-35; 30:5, 7, 17, 19, 23; 38:3-5, 24-25; Ex. 2:2; 21:22; Lev. 12:2; Num. 11:12; Judges 13:2-7; Ruth 4:13; 1 Sam. 1:20; 2:21; 4:19; 2 Sam. 11:5; 2 Kings 8:12; 15:16; 1 Chr. 4:17; 7:23; Job 10:8-12; 31:15; Ps. 51:5; 139:13-15; Ecc. 11:5; Is. 7:14; 8:3; 26:17; 44:2, 24; 49:5; Jer. 1:4-5; 20:17; 31:8; Hosea 1:3, 6, 8; 2:5; 12:3; 13:16; Amos 1:13; Matt. 1:18-20; Luke 1:24, 31, 36), and

(2) **WHEREAS**, from the moment of fertilization, all human beings are created equal—of equal value because all are made by God in His own image (Gen 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; Prov. 22:2; James 3:9), and

(3) **WHEREAS**, God’s holy character despises partiality in judgment and unequal weights and measures, but a just weight is His delight (Deut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Job 34:10-21; Prov 22:2; Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 2:6-12; 10:12; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:23-25; 1 Tim. 5:21; James 2:1-9; 1 Peter 1:17-19; Lev. 19:35-36; Deut. 25:13-15; Prov 11:1; 16:11; 20:10, 23; Eze. 45:10; Hos 12:7; Micah 6:11), and

(4) **WHEREAS**, consistent with His character, God’s Word treats preborn persons similarly to born persons, including requiring similar justice for harm criminally done to either, and using the same terms to define children whether inside or outside the womb (Ex. 21:22-25; Judg 13:2-7; 16:17; Psa 22:9-10; 71:6; Isa 49:1; Jer 20:14-18; Ruth 1:11; Gen 25:21-26; Rom 9:10-13; Job 3:3; Luke 1:15, 24, 36; Gen 21:7; 25:22; Luke 1:41, 44; 2:12, 16; 18:15; Acts 7:19; 1 Pet 2:2; Col 4:14), and

(5) **WHEREAS**, God commands civil authorities to do justice generally, and specifically to do justice to the fatherless, and He forbids the showing of partiality in judgment (Ex. 22:22-24; 23:2-3; Lev 19:15; Deut. 1:16-17; 16:18-20; 24:17; 27:19; Ps. 82:2-3; 94:6; Prov. 18:5; Is. 1:16-17, 23; 10:1-2; Jer 5:28; 7:5-7; 21:12; 22:3; Eze. 45:9; Amos 5:15; Matt 23:23), and

(6) **WHEREAS**, Jesus commands what is commonly called the Golden Rule, that “whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,” and He sums up the whole of the Scriptures for how we must think and act toward our neighbors from fertilization onwards with the Royal Law: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt 7:12; 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 6:31; 10:27; Lev 19:18; Rom 13:9; Gal 5:14; James 2:8), and

(7) **WHEREAS**, murder stems from the *heart* and is a sin issue (Matt. 5:19). Now, let it be

(8) **RESOLVED** that the Covenant Presbyterian Church denomination rejects partiality in judgment and any position or practice that denies the full protection of the law to our preborn neighbors beginning from fertilization, and be it further

(9) **RESOLVED** that the Covenant Presbyterian Church denomination condemns all legislation that attempts to regulate abortion as healthcare, telling the mothers how, when, and where they may murder their baby, who they may hire to help, and what age their baby-victims should be at the time of the assault – rather than offering *equal protection* to the pre-born (allowing the same laws that protect born people to protect all people, regardless of age, size, or location in the womb), and be it further

(10) **ACKNOWLEDGED** by the Covenant Presbyterian Church that justice requires the same legal prohibitions and sanctions against homicide that exist to protect persons after birth to likewise protect persons before birth, thereby serving to deter all persons from willingly aiding with or procuring or performing prenatal homicide, and be it further

(11) **ACKNOWLEDGED**, that equitable protection requires a case-by-case determination, and would not alter any existing presumption, defense, justification, immunity, or clemency, including protection of mothers from criminal liability in the case of criminal duress, a mistake of fact, a life-threatening medical emergency, an accidental or natural death, or an act prior to the effective date of the law, and be it further

(12) **RESOLVED** that while the Covenant Presbyterian Church does recognize that there are occasionally cases of true mother-victims, we publicly reject the unbiblical narrative that mothers who willfully and knowingly abort a baby are *automatically* the “second innocent victims of the abortion,” and, thus, have no need of the Gospel and no need of penalty under the law and be it further

(13) **RESOLVED** that the Covenant Presbyterian Church denomination calls to repentance all pregnancy help centers that engage in counseling, that does not invoke the law of God to identify fornication as sin or abortion as murder and that otherwise presents a false gospel offering reconciliation to God without repentance and saving faith. And let it be

(14) finally **RESOLVED**, that we encourage the loving practice of pure and undefiled religion toward both our born and preborn neighbors through steadfast prayer, prenatal and postnatal care from Gospel-based and distinctly Biblical pregnancy resource centers, counseling, fostering, evangelism outside abortion clinics, adoption as a final rescue attempt when the biological family (including extended family) will not care for their own, appropriate financial assistance, and other available means.

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