

NOEL: CALL FOR ART



Due Date:
Monday, November 6th, 2023 by 4pm.

GETTING STARTED

- **First, pray!** Invite God into the process of your artmaking.

“God, I want to create art that reflects your Beauty, Truth, and Goodness in the themes of longing, hope, peace, and joy expressed in these historical Christmas carols. Thank You for those who have followed You and written these hymns, and that we can sing them today in community. Guide me to the idea or image that You want me to focus on for this call to art. I look to You for inspiration. Let this time of creating bring greater depth of knowing You and understanding how You may want to work with me and through me. Help me to create my best work. I ask for courage to share with others, that it may bless their lives, enabling a greater worship of You. Amen”

- Sing the carols out loud, or play a recording of it.
- Pick ONE song to focus on.

Explore these questions as it relates to your chosen Christmas carol:

1. What do you hear? What do you notice about the cadence, the rhythm? What is the mood of the song? How do you feel when you sing it out loud?
2. Read the lyrics. What do you notice? What phrases or what word sticks out to you?
3. What memories do you have of this song? What images come to mind?
4. **Take a deeper look at the history of the carol***
see links on the webpage: Who wrote it? When? Why? What scriptural references are in this carol?

Now that you have spent time getting to know more about your carol:

- Zero in on one image, word, phrase, or the theme of the song.
- Pick your medium and get started with a rough draft/sketch...
- Pray! Keep talking with God, asking for His help, and enjoy the process of creating!

Need help? Please contact me, I am happy to be a sounding board for the whole or any part of your creative process! Also, please let me know what you are creating and how I can be praying for you. I will also send out reminders over the next few months to cheer you on and to persevere in completing your artwork.

— with joy, Mary Margaret Brotherton