

John Kieseewetter's 2016 Holiday Program Guide



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(The list is limited mostly to network prime-time shows available throughout the US. Many repeat during the day or overnight. I can't list ALL channels, so check on-screen guides for shows not making my list; daytime or afternoon repeats; or last-minute schedule changes.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Surviving Christmas (1:45 p.m., TBS):

A lonely rich man (Ben Affleck) celebrates Christmas with strangers.

Little House On The Prairie: Bless All The Dear Children (3 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

Laura searches for her kidnapped baby.

Home Alone 4 (3:45 p.m., TBS):

Kevin tries to reunite his separated parents.

The Wizard of Oz (5:45 p.m., TBS):

Dorothy, Toto and friends are off to see the Wizard in 1939.

Tangled (5:45 p.m. Sunday, Freeform):

Sheltered Rapunzel (Mandy Moore) explores the world for the first time.

Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas (7 p.m., Ch 19, Fox):

Sid (John Leguizamo) destroys Christmas decorations. With Ciara Bravo as Peaches.

The Christmas Wish (7:50 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (Neil Patrick Harris) searches for the woman named in his grandfather's diary.

Journey Back To Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A World War II-era nurse (Candace Cameron Bure) meets a man who helps her find family bonds.

A Cinderella Story: If The Shoe Fits (8 p.m., Freeform):

Sofie Carson stars in 2016 musical version of "Cinderella."

*M*A*S*H* (9:30 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

Winchester fulfills a family Christmas tradition.

The Odd Couple (10 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Oscar refuses to play Scrooge in a children's play.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (10 p.m., Freeform):

Disney's 1937 animated classic.

Perry Como's Christmas In Paris (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With Angie Dickinson.

The Honeymooners (10:30 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Ralph pawns his bowling ball to get Alice a gift.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CMA Country Christmas (8-10 p.m., Ch 9, ABC):

With Brad Paisley, Amy Grant, Rascal Flatts, Trisha Yearwood, Kelly Clarkson, Kacey Musgraves, Sarah McLachlan and Idina Menzel.

Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 48):

Music by Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden and Meav Ni Mhaolchatha.

The Holiday (8 p.m., Freeform):

Women (Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet) swap homes for Christmas.

The Best of the Andy Williams Christmas Shows (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Holiday music.

Merv Griffin Show (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with Rosemary Clooney and Danny Kaye.

Scrooged (midnight, Freeform):

Bill Murray gives "A Christmas Carol" the Dickens.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

A Christmas Melody (4 p.m., Hallmark):

Mariah Carey's 2015 movie filmed in Cincinnati about a diva PTA mom directing a school pageant. With Lacy Chabert, Kathy Najimy, Lea Lachey.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (8 p.m., Ch 12, CBS)

The 1964 animated classic narrated by Burl Ives.

Giada Valenti: From Venice with Love (8 p.m., Ch 48):

Valenti will be in WCET-TV's studios during breaks in the show featuring Italian love songs.

Crown For Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A former maid (Danica McKellar) is governess for a rebellious young princess.

The Sons of Mistletoe (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A boys' orphanage faces closing. With Roma Downey, Doris Roberts.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Jingle All the Way (7 p.m., Freeform):

Dads (Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad) fight over a Turbo Man toy.

Christmas In Rockefeller Center (8 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

With Tony Bennett, Neil Diamond, Josh Groban, Tori Kelly, Sarah McLachlan, Dolly Parton, Jordan Smith, Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood.

Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love (9 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

Children sacrifice to buy their mom a ring in a sequel to 2015 Parton film. With Gerald McRaney, Kelli Bergland, Alyvia Alyn Lind, Richy Schroder and Parton.

My Christmas Dream (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A store manager (Danica McKellar) creates a big Christmas display to get a promotion.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (9 p.m., Freeform):

A Griswold family Christmas with Chevy Chase.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

A Charlie Brown Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

The 1965 classic cartoon about Charlie Brown and Linus searching for the meaning of Christmas.

A Heavenly Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A deceased workaholic (Kristin Davis) is tethered to an angel (Shirley MacLaine) helping a singer (Eric McCormack).

Bing Crosby and The Sounds Of Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With Robert Goulet in 1971.

I'll Be Home For Christmas (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A widowed doctor reunites with his old girlfriend (Ann Jillian).

It Happened on 5th Avenue (10 p.m., TCM):

A hobo spends Christmas in an empty mansion in 1947.

It Nearly Wasn't Christmas (11:15 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Disillusioned Santa (Charles Durning) calls it quits.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

I Love Lucy Christmas Special (8 p.m., Ch 12 CBS):

Colorized 1956 episode with all four stars dressed as Santa on Christmas morning.

The Nine Lives of Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A stray cat unites a single guy (Brandon Routh) and a young woman (Kimberly Sustad).

Once Upon A Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Santa's daughter (Kathy Ireland) changes a spoiled family.

Twice Upon a Christmas (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Santa's daughter (Kathy Ireland) saves the North Pole.

Christmastime in New Orleans (10 p.m., Ch 48):

New Orleans music, festivities and food.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

A Dream of Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. When an unhappily married woman (Nikki DeLoach) is granted her wish to be single, she immediately regrets it and searches for her former husband.

It's A Wonderful Life (8 p.m., Ch 5):

An angel helps a suicidal man (James Stewart).

Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 48):

Music by Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden and Meav Ni Mhaolchatha.

Heaven Sent (8 p.m., Lifetime):

New. An angel rekindles romance for a couple (Marley Shelton, Christian Kane). Directed by Michael Landon Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Mister Ed (2 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Mister Ed's Christmas list.

Touched By An Angel (2:30 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Christmas episode.

Once Upon A Starry Night (3:30 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

A trapper (Dan Haggerty) searches for a young couple in a blizzard.

Advent Voices (8 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

A look at how Advent has been observed musically in sacred and secular ways.

Looks Like Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. Dueling parents (Anne Heche, Dylan Neal) produce competing Christmas pageants.

Everybody Love Raymond (8 p.m., TV Land):

TV Land's annual "MerryThon" (8 p.m.-6 a.m.) starts with Ray telling Ally the truth about Santa.

A Song For The Season (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A music teacher (Naomi Judd) fights for her music program.

Everybody Loves Raymond (8:30 p.m., TV Land):

Ray's parents interrupt a romantic Christmas morning.

Everybody Loves Raymond (9 p.m., TV Land):

Frank and Marie exchange Ray's Christmas gift, an engraved toaster.

Everybody Loves Raymond (9:30 p.m., TV Land):

Ray tries to organize a family Christmas photo.

Everybody Loves Raymond (10 p.m., TV Land):

Marie's Christmas letter.

Perry Como's Early American Christmas (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas in Williamsburg with John Wayne and Diana Canova.

Everybody Loves Raymond (10:30 p.m., TV Land):

Frank tells everyone how Ray ruined his jazz records.

King of Queens (11 p.m., TV Land):

Doug can't afford a new car.

King of Queens (11:30 p.m., TV Land):

Doug's Christmas bonus.



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King of Queens (midnight, TV Land):

Doug's parents Christmas visit interfere with his plans.

King of Queens (12:30 a.m., TV Land):

Doug claims a midget stole his wallet while Christmas shopping.

Everybody Loves Raymond (1 a.m., TV Land):

Ray buys Debra an elaborate Christmas gift so he can go on a golf weekend.

Everybody Loves Raymond (1:30 a.m., TV Land):

Ray takes credit for Debra's gift suggested by Robert and Amy.

The New Adventures of Old Christine (2 a.m., TV Land):

Christine's unusual holiday traditions.

Golden Girls (2:30 a.m., TV Land):

A lonely Santa takes the roommates hostage.

Golden Girls (3 a.m., TV Land):

The roommates volunteer at a soup kitchen on Christmas.

Roseanne (3:30 a.m., TV Land):

Roseanne plays Santa at the mall.

Roseanne (4 a.m., TV Land):

Roseanne meets Darlene's new friend while working as Santa.

Roseanne (4:30 a.m., TV Land):

The Conners' tacky Christmas decorations.

How I Met Your Mother (5 a.m., TV Land):

Lilly takes down her Christmas display.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Merry Maternity (8 p.m., Hallmark):

Brie (Jessica Lowndes) organizes a Christmas wedding party for her old boyfriend.

Cher (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with Redd Foxx.

Johnny Cash Christmas Show (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With wife June Carter Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Statler Brothers in 1977.

Merv Griffin Show (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with Mel Torme.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Silent Night (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Opera about the World War I Christmas Even truce.

Every Christmas Has A Story (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New in 2016. A TV star (Lori Loughlin) is invited to a town which celebrates Christmas to the max.

The Christmas Gift (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (John Denver) visits a town where everyone believes in Santa.

The Three Kings (11 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Three mental patients think they are the Wise Men seeking Jesus in 1980 Los Angeles. With Lou Diamond Phillips, Vic Tayback, Charles Nelson Reilly, Tori Spelling.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

A Christmas Melody (8 a.m., Hallmark):

Mariah Carey's 2015 Christmas movie filmed in Cincinnati about a diva PTA mom directing a pageant.

Hairspray Live! (8-11 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

Live telecast of the musical about a Baltimore dancer (Maddie Daillio) with Sean Hayes, Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, Kristin Chenoweth, Derek Hough, and Harvey Fierstein.

Broadcasting Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A Connecticut TV reporter (Melissa Joan Hart) and a New York news anchor (Dean Cain) compete to join a national morning TV show.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Toy Story That Time Forgot (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Woody, Buzz and gang fear new dinosaur toys.

Taraji's White Hot Holidays (8 p.m., Ch 19 Fox):

Performances by Taraji P. Henson, Alicia Keys, Jussie Smollett, Pharrell Williams, Missy Elliott, Snoop Dogg and TLC.

A Dream of Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

When an unhappily married woman (Nikki DeLoach) is granted her wish to be single, she immediately regrets it and searches for her former husband.

Andy Williams Christmas Show (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With the Osmond brothers and Claudine Longet.

Shrek the Halls (8:30 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

The ogre's friends disrupts Christmas.

Father Knows Best: Home For Christmas (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A 1977 Christmas reunion about Jim and Margaret (Robert Young, Jane Wyatt) selling their house.

The Christmas Stallion (10:50 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (Daniel J. Travanti) goes to Wales to help a troubled horse farm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Seinfeld (7 p.m., TBS):

Elaine is embarrassed by her Christmas photo taken by Kramer.

Seinfeld (7:30 p.m., TBS):

A festus for the rest of us.

Christmas In Homestead (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. An actress (Taylor Cole) falls in love with an Iowa inn keeper.

The Kid Who Loved Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

An orphan wants to spend Christmas with his adopted father. With Cicely Tyson, Sammy Davis Jr.

Ms. Scrooge (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Cicely Tyson as a modern Scrooge in 1997.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (7:30 p.m., TBS):

Boris Karloff narrates the classic 1966 cartoon.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (8 p.m., Ch 12 CBS):

The 1964 animated classic narrated by Burl Ives.

Mary Poppins (8 p.m., Ch 9, ABC):

The 1964 Julie Andrews-Dick Van Dyke Disney film set in London.

An Elf's Story: The Elf on a Shelf (8 p.m., TBS):

Animated. An elf helps a boy believe in Christmas.

Christmas at Belmont (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday music with Kathy Mattea.

Joshua Bell Presents Musical Gifts (8 p.m., Ch 14):

Violinist Joshua Bell showcases Cuban and American musicians.

A Nutcracker Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A dancer (Amy Acker) fired from the New York City Ballet meets her old boss at a "Nutcracker" production.

A Christmas Wedding Date (8 p.m., Lifetime):

New. After losing her job, Rebecca (Marla Sokoloff) reluctantly attends a Christmas wedding.

Fred Claus (8:30 p.m., TBS):

Santa (Paul Giamatti) bails out his brother (Vince Vaughn).

Frosty the Snowman (9 p.m., Ch 12 CBS):

Jimmy Durante narrates the 1969 musical cartoon.

Frosty Returns (9:30 p.m., Ch 12 CBS):

Jonathan Winters tells how a new snow removal spray threatens Frosty.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Brady Bunch (2:30 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Carol loses her voice before the Christmas concert.

A Very Brady Christmas (3 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

The 1988 Christmas reunion.

A Christmas Carol (7:45 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Patrick Stewart gives Scrooge the Dickens in 1999.

A Baroque Christmas in the New World 2016 (8 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Holiday music from 17th and 18th century Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia.

Frozen (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Hit 2013 Disney animated feature.

Love You Like Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A businesswoman (Bonnie Somerville) visits Christmas Valley and meets strangers who feel like family.

Perry Como's Christmas In Austria (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Songs from the "Sound of Music."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Wizard of Oz (7 p.m., TNT):

Dorothy, Toto and friends are off to see the Wizard in 1939.

Christmas at Cartwright's (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A single mom (Alicia Witt) finds romance after being hired by a department store.

Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer (8 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Cartoon based on the novelty song.

Perry Como's Christmas Show (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With the Carpenters, Peggy Fleming.

Mac Davis Special: The Music of Christmas (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With Gladys Knight, Barbara Mandrell, Ronnie Milsap.

Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2016 (9 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Former WXIX-TV sports anchor Kevin Frazier ("Entertainment Tonight") looks at holiday TV ads.

The Wizard of Oz (9:20 p.m., TBS):

Dorothy, Toto and friends are off to see the Wizard in 1939.

Andy Williams Christmas Show (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With the Osmond brothers and Claudine Longet.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (8 p.m and 8:30 p.m., TNT):

Boris Karloff narrates the classic 1966 cartoon.

Fred Claus (9 p.m., TNT):

Santa (Paul Giamatti) bails out his brother (Vince Vaughn).

Once Upon A Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Santa's daughter (Kathy Ireland) changes a spoiled family.

Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (10 p.m., Ch 48, 16 PBS):

Frontline's 1998 series about the life of Jesus and early Christianity.

Twice Upon a Christmas (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Santa's daughter (Kathy Ireland) saves the North Pole.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Welcome Christmas! (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

An hour of traditional carols and new songs from the choral group VocalEssence.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (8 p.m., TBS):

Boris Karloff narrates the classic 1966 cartoon.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Narrated by Ossie Davis.

Looks Like Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. Dueling parents (Anne Heche, Dylan Neal) produce competing Christmas pageants.

Top 12 Greatest Christmas Movies Of All Time (8 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 (CONTINUED)

Dean Cain looks at popular Christmas movies.

Home Alone 2 - Lost in New York (8 p.m., AMC):

Kevin outwits Christmas thieves again.

iHeartRadio Jingle Ball (8 p.m., Ch 12.2, CW):

Performances by Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, The Chainsmokers, Meghan Trainor, Fifth Harmony, Ellie Goulding, Diplo, Charlie Puth, Lukas Graham and Daya.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (8:30 p.m., TBS):

Boris Karloff narrates the classic 1966 cartoon.

A Pentatonix Christmas Special (8 p.m., Ch 5):

New special with Pentatonix, Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson.

SNL Christmas (9 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

"Saturday Night Live" holiday sketches.

Fred Claus (9 p.m., TNT):

Santa (Paul Giamatti) bails out his brother (Vince Vaughn).

Danny Kaye Show (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with Peggy Lee, Wayne Newton.

Christmas with the King Family (11 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Holiday music.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Hollywood Holiday (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Lynne Warfel's musical retrospective of cherished Christmas-themed films.

Disney's Prep & Landing (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Animated. Santa's elite elf team plan Christmas.

Getting to the Nutcracker (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

What it takes to produce the Nutcracker ballet.

A Nutcracker Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. Years after a dancer (Amy Acker) was fired from the New York City Ballet, she meets her old boss at a "Nutcracker" production.

Four Christmases (8 p.m., AMC):

A couple (Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn) spends Christmas with each of their divorced parents.

Johnny Cash Christmas Show (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With wife June Carter Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Statler Brothers in 1977.

Disney's Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice (8:30 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Lanny and Wayne recover classified North Pole technology.

A Town Without Christmas (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A TV reporter (Patricia Heaton) looks for a child who wrote Santa in 2001.

Christmas in Connecticut (10 p.m., TCM):

A writer (Barbara Stanwyck) arranges a fake family for herself.

Christmas In Connecticut (11 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A TV show host (Dyan Cannon) cooks Christmas dinner for a homeless man (Kris Kristofferson), with Bob Braun as the TV newsman in 1992.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Handel's Messiah (6 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs Handel's famous oratorio.

Love You Like Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A businesswoman (Bonnie Somerville) visits Christmas Valley, where strangers feel like family.

Deck the Halls (8 p.m., AMC):

Neighbors (Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick) go crazy competing over house decorations.

85th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade (8 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Olivia Newton-John serves as grand marshal.

A Song For The Season (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A music teacher (Naomi Judd) fights for her music program.

Joshua Bell's Seasons of Cuba (9 p.m., Ch 48 PBS):

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Violinist Joshua Bell showcases Cuban and American musicians.

The Christmas Wish (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (Neil Patrick Harris) searches for the woman named in his grandfather's diary.

A Christmas Melody (midnight, Hallmark):

Mariah Carey's 2015 movie filmed in Cincinnati about a diva PTA mom directing a school pageant.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

A Classical Kids Christmas (10:10 a.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

A look at Christmas traditions around the world through carols and poetry.

I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown! (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Lucy's family wants a dog.

A Christmas Carol (8 p.m., AMC):

George C. Scott gives Scrooge the Dickens in 1984.

My Christmas Love (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A hopeless romantic (Meredith Hagner) receives each gift from the song "The 12 Days of Christmas" from an anonymous benefactor.

Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience: The Spirit of the Season (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday music with singer Shaun Johnson and Tonic Sol-Fa quartet.

European Christmas Markets (8:30 p.m., Ch 48):

Holiday shopping in Germany, France and Switzerland.

Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops (9 p.m., Ch 48):

Holiday concert by the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Jordan Smith 'Tis the Season (9 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday music by "The Voice" winner Jordan Smith.

Jordan Smith 'Tis The Season (10 p.m., Ch 48):

Holiday music by "The Voice" winner Jordan Smith.

White Christmas (10:30 p.m., AMC):

Friends (Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye, Vera-Ellen) put on a show to help a retired World War II general in 1954.

Going My Way (10:45 p.m., TCM):

A young priest (Bing Crosby) revives an inner-city parish in 1944.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

CSO Presents Lumenocity (1:59 p.m., Ch 48):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (3 p.m., Ch 48):

Frontline's 1998 series about the life of Jesus and early Christianity.

The Love Boat (6 p.m., Ch 5.2 MeTV):

Judy, Gopher and Isaac each hire a Santa, and they don't get along.

The Sound of Music (7 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Maria Von Trapp (Julie Andrews) and her family escape 1938 Austria.

Sleigh Bells Ring (8 p.m., Hallmark):

New. A city administrator (Erin Cahill) finds a magical sleigh which takes her to a former sweetheart.

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (8 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Holiday favorites as performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Miracle in the Wilderness (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Indians capture a pioneer couple (Kris Kristofferson, Kim Cattrall).

Home Alone 2 - Lost in New York (8 p.m., AMC):

Kevin outwits Christmas thieves again.

Christmas with the King's Singers (9 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

An a cappella Christmas from England with the King's Singers vocal ensemble.

Jordan Smith 'Tis the Season (9 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday music by "The Voice" winner Jordan Smith.

Perry Como's Christmas In The Holy Land (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Holy Land tour with Richard Chamberlain.

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Best Of The Andy Williams Christmas Shows (11 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):
Holiday music.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Surviving Christmas (6 p.m., TNT):

A lonely rich man (Ben Affleck) celebrates Christmas with strangers.

Carols and Cheer (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Scott Blankenship and Matt Culloton review their favorite carols.

America's Got Talent Holiday Spectacular (8 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

Performances by Grace VanderWaal, Jackie Evancho, Terry Fator, Professor Splash, the Clairvoyants, Mat Franco, The Regurgitator, Penn & Teller and Pentatonix.

A Christmas Carol (8 p.m., TNT):

Patrick Stewart gives Scrooge the Dickens in this 1999 film.

Deck the Halls (8 p.m., AMC):

Neighbors (Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick) compete decorating their homes.

12 Gifts of Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

An artist (Katrina Law) falls in love while Christmas shopping for a busy executive.

Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode.

Judy Garland Show (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with daughter Liza Minnelli and Mel Torme.

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (9 p.m., Ch 48, 16 PBS):

With Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis.

A Christmas Carol (10 p.m., TNT):

Patrick Stewart gives Scrooge the Dickens in this 1999 film.

Cher (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Christmas episode with Redd Foxx.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

SymphonyCast (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Cantatas 1-3) performed by the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 19, Fox):

Sid (John Leguizamo) destroys Christmas decorations. With Ciara Bravo as Peaches.

Toy Story That Time Forgot (8 p.m., Ch 9, ABC):

Woody, Buzz and gang fear new dinosaur toys.

Terry Crews Saves Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Terry Crews and friends help families prepare for Christmas.

Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience: The Spirit of the Season (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday music with Shaun Johnson and Tonic Sol-Fa quartet.

Christmas Cookies (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A businesswoman (Jill Wagner) wants to move Aunt Sally's Christmas Cookie Company out of town.

Four Christmases (8 p.m., AMC):

A couple (Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn) spends Christmas with each of their divorced parents.

Shrek the Halls (8:30 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

The ogre's friends disrupts Christmas.

Tony Bennett Celebrates 90: The Best Is Yet To Come (9 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

With Michael Bubl , Aretha Franklin, Lady Gaga, Billy Joel, Elton John, Diana Krall, Rufus Wainwright, Andrea Bocelli and Stevie Wonder.

Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2016 (9 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Former WXIX-TV sports anchor Kevin Frazier ("Entertainment Tonight") looks at TV ads.

Tonic Sol-Fa: Greatest Time of Year (9 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

The quartet performs holiday favorites.

Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (10 p.m., Ch 48, 16 PBS):

Frontline's 1998 series about the life of Jesus and early Christianity.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 (CONTINUED)

Johnny Cash Christmas Show (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Wife June Carter Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Statler Brothers in 1977.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

VAE Candlelit Christmas (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

A new concert by Cincinnati's Vocal Arts Ensemble directed by assistant conductor Stephanie Nash.

A Christmas Carol (8 p.m., AMC):

George C. Scott gives Scrooge the Dickens in 1984.

Terry Crews Saves Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 12.2 CW):

Terry Crews and friends help families prepare for Christmas.

A Heavenly Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A deceased workaholic (Kristin Davis) is tethered to an angel (Shirley MacLaine) assigned to help a singer (Eric McCormack).

Holiday Handbells: The Raleigh Ringers (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Music from Raleigh, NC.

Father Knows Best: Home For Christmas (8:10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A 1977 Christmas reunion about Jim and Margaret (Robert Young, Jane Wyatt) selling their house.

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (9 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

With Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis.

Bing Crosby And The Sounds Of Christmas (10 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With Robert Goulet in 1971.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Tinsel Tales 2 (1 p.m., 91.7 WVXU-FM):

National Public Radio personalities past and present tell stories of the season.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival (7 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Annual holiday concert by five choirs and St. Olaf College orchestra in Northfield, MN.

A Charlie Brown Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 9 ABC):

Charlie Brown and Linus search for the meaning of Christmas.

CSO Presents Lumenocity (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

My Christmas Love (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A woman (Meredith Hagner) anonymously receives each gift from "The 12 Days of Christmas."

Holiday Affair (8 p.m., TCM):

A war widow (Janet Leigh) finds romance.

Deck the Halls (8 p.m., AMC):

Neighbors (Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick) compete decorating their homes.

Mac Davis Special: The Music of Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

With Gladys Knight, Barbara Mandrell, Ronnie Milsap.

The Christmas Gift (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (John Denver) visits a town where everyone believes in Santa.

Remember the Night (9:45 p.m., TCM):

An attorney (Fred MacMurray) falls in love with a Christmas shoplifter (Barbara Stanwyck).

Ms. Scrooge (11 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Cicely Tyson as a modern Scrooge in 1997.

A Christmas Carol (11:30 p.m., TCM):

Alastair Sim as Scrooge in 1951.

March of the Wooden Soldiers (1:15 a.m., TCM):

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in Toyland in 1934.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Tinsel Tales 3 (1 p.m., 91.7 WVXU-FM):

Audie Cornish, Nina Totenberg and other NPR personalities tell stories of the season.

CSO Presents Lumenocity (1 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas (5 p.m., Ch 48, 16 PBS):

Creatures disappear around the globe.

CSO Presents Lumenocity (5 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

Friends (5 p.m., TBS):

Joey sells Christmas trees.

Friends (5:30 p.m., TBS):

Rachel hates to be alone as holidays near.

A Chanticleer Christmas (6 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

Holiday favorites presented by the 12-man ensemble called "an orchestra of voices."

Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops (6 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Holiday concert by the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Seinfeld (6:30 p.m., TBS):

Elaine is embarrassed by her Christmas photo taken by Kramer.

Seinfeld (7 p.m., TBS):

Kramer works as a department store Santa.

Paul Winter 36th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration (8 p.m., 91.7 WVXU-FM):

Paul Winter celebrates the solstice tradition with traditional favorites and new songs.

M*A*S*H (7 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

Winchester fulfills a family Christmas tradition.

M*A*S*H (7:30 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

The day after Christmas.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

Boris Karloff narrates the classic 1966 classic cartoon.

The Big Bang Theory (8 p.m., TBS):

Sheldon obsesses over getting a Christmas gift for Penny.

A Home For The Holidays (8 p.m., Ch 12, CBS):

CBS' annual program about adoption.

Classic Gospel (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

The Statler Brothers' farewell concert in 2002.

Sleigh Bells Ring (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A city administrator (Erin Cahill) finds a magical sleigh which takes her to former sweetheart.

Home Alone 2 - Lost in New York (8 p.m., AMC):

Kevin outwits Christmas thieves again.

A Christmas Carol (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Patrick Stewart gives Scrooge the Dickens in 1999.

How Murray Saved Christmas (8:30 p.m., Ch 5 NBC):

Animated. A cranky deli owner (Jerry Stiller) fills in for Santa.

The Big Bang Theory (8:30 p.m., TBS):

Leonard's mother visits for Christmas.

Happy Days (9 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

A girl asks Fonzie, as Santa, to reunite her parents.

The Big Bang Theory (9:30 p.m., TBS):

Sheldon explains why he hates Christmas.

The Big Bang Theory (10 p.m., TBS):

With Sheldon in Texas, the gang imagines life without him.

The Big Bang Theory (10:30 p.m., TBS):

Amy hosts an English Victorian Christmas.

White Christmas (2:30 a.m., AMC):

Friends (Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye) help a retired World War II general.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Prancer (6 a.m., AMC):

An injured reindeer brings hope to a child.

Santa Claus: The Movie (8:30 a.m., AMC):

An elf (Dudley Moore) foils a toy maker's scheme.

Call Me Claus (8:30 a.m., TBS):

Santa asks a TV producer (Whoopi Goldberg) to replace him.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (10 a.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

King's College Choir in Cambridge, England, performs the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

A Christmas Carol (11 a.m., AMC):

George C. Scott gives Scrooge the Dickens in 1984.

A Christmas Melody (noon, Hallmark):

Mariah Carey's 2015 movie filmed in Cincinnati about a diva PTA mom directing a school pageant.

Gunsmoke (1 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

Christmas with seven orphans.

CSO Presents Lumenocity (3 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

Deck the Halls (3:30 p.m., AMC):

Neighbors (Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick) compete decorating their homes.

Sleigh Bells Ring (4 p.m., Hallmark):

A city administrator (Erin Cahill) finds a magical sleigh which takes her to former sweetheart.

Friends (4:30 p.m., TBS):

Chandler spends Christmas in Tulsa.

Fred Claus (4:30 p.m., TNT):

Santa (Paul Giamatti) bails out his brother (Vince Vaughn).

Home Alone 2 - Lost in New York (5:30 p.m., AMC):

Kevin outwits Christmas thieves again.

The Big Bang Theory (6 p.m., TBS):

Sheldon obsesses over getting a Christmas gift for Penny.

My Christmas Love (6 p.m., Hallmark):

A woman (Meredith Hagner) anonymously receives each gift from "The 12 Days of Christmas."

The Big Bang Theory (6:30 p.m., TBS):

Amy hosts an English Victorian Christmas.

Lawrence Welk Christmas (7 p.m., Ch 48):

Wunnerful, wunnerful Christmas music.

Miracle in the Wilderness (7 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

Indians capture a pioneer couple (Kris Kristofferson, Kim Cattrall).

Christmas Carol: Theater of the Mind (8 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Dickens' story presented as a radio drama.

It's A Wonderful Life (8 p.m., Ch 5):

An angel helps a suicidal man (James Stewart).

Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol (8 p.m., 91.7 WVXU-FM):

Jonathan Winters reads a special edition from Dickens' own presentations.

Christmas in Connecticut (8 p.m., TCM):

A writer (Barbara Stanwyck) arranges a fake family for herself.

A Christmas Story (8 p.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

Every Christmas Has A Story (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A TV star (Lori Loughlin) is invited to a town which celebrates Christmas to the max.

Christmas on the Danube (8:30 p.m., Ch 48):

Exploring European landmarks and landscapes.

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (9 p.m., Ch 48):

With Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis

Joy to the World - A Holiday in Pink (9 p.m., 91.7 WVXU-FM):

The "little orchestra" Pink Martini performs holiday songs from around the globe.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CONTINUED)

The Christmas Stallion (9 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A man (Daniel J. Travanti) goes to Wales to help a troubled horse farm.

Swing with Bill Cartwright Christmas Special (10 p.m., 91.7 WWXU-FM):

A swingin' holiday music special.

A Christmas Story (10 p.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

CSO Presents Lumenocity (10 p.m., CET Arts Ch 48.3):

Replay of the August concert at Taft Theatre.

Southern Celtic Christmas Concert (10 p.m., Ch 48):

Celtic and Appalachian holiday music.

A King Records Christmas (11 p.m., 91.7 WWXU-FM):

Lee Hay hosts holiday music recorded at King Records by James Brown, Freddie King, Charles Brown and others, and Philip Paul reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Paul Dixon Show Chicken Wedding (2 a.m., Ch 5):

Dixon's craziest show on WLWT-TV, when two rubber chickens married in 1969.

Ruth Lyons: First Lady of Television (3 a.m., Ch 5):

Repeat of 2011 special about WLWT-TV daytime TV host Ruth Lyons.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Once Upon A Sesame Christmas (8 a.m., HBO Family):

Elmo learns about Christmas from Grover, Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, Cookie Monster and the gang.

The Disney Parks' Magical Christmas Celebration (10 a.m., Ch 9, ABC):

Derek and Julianne Hough host annual parade, with music by Jordan Fisher, Trisha Yearwood, Garth Brooks, Kelly Clarkson.

A Christmas Story (10 a.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

Saved by the Bell (11 a.m., Ch 5 MeTV):

Home for Christmas.

A Christmas Story (noon, TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

My Christmas Dream (noon, Hallmark):

A store manager (Danica McKellar) creates a big Christmas display to get a promotion.

A Christmas Story (2 p.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

Christmas Cookies (2 p.m., Hallmark):

A businesswoman (Jill Wagner) wants to move Aunt Sally's Christmas Cookie Company out of town.

Christmas on the Danube (2 p.m., Ch 48):

Exploring European landmarks and landscapes.

Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians (3 p.m., Ch 48):

Frontline's 1998 series about the life of Jesus and early Christianity.

Happy Days (3 p.m., Ch 5 MeTV):

Fonzie spends Christmas with Richie.

The Mistletoe Promise (3:30 p.m., Hallmark):

Two strangers (Jaime King, Luke Macfarlane) navigate the holidays together.

A Christmas Story (4 p.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

A Nutcracker Christmas (5 p.m., Hallmark):

A dancer (Amy Acker) meets her old boss at a "Nutcracker" production.

A Christmas Story (6 p.m., TBS, TNT):

Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants a BB gun for Christmas.

Once Upon A Sesame Christmas (6 p.m., HBO Family):

Elmo learns about Christmas from Grover, Big Bird, Bert, Ernie and the gang.

A Heavenly Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

A deceased workaholic (Kristin Davis) is tethered to an angel helping a singer (Eric McCormack).

A King Records Christmas (7 p.m., 91.7 WWXU-FM):



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Lee Hay hosts holiday music recorded at King Records by James Brown, Freddie King, Charles Brown and others, and Philip Paul reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Call The Midwife Holiday Special (7:30 p.m., Ch 48, 16 PBS):

An SOS from the mission hospital.

Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs (8 p.m., 91.7 W VXU-FM):

Morehouse and Spelman college choirs perform spirituals and carols.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (8 p.m., 90.9 WGUC-FM):

The King's College Choir performs the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Cambridge, England.

CMA Country Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 9, ABC):

With Brad Paisley, Amy Grant, Rascal Flatts, Trisha Yearwood, Kelly Clarkson and others.

When Calls The Heart Christmas (8 p.m., Hallmark):

Hope Valley residents (Lori Laughlin, Daniel Lissing) celebrate Christmas with displaced settlers in 1910.

A Town Without Christmas (8 p.m., Ch 64.4 GET TV):

A TV reporter (Patricia Heaton) looks for a child who wrote Santa in 2001.

Song Travels: Home for the Holidays (9 p.m., 91.7 W VXU-FM):

Michael Feinstein hosts a musical yuletide journey from New York to Hollywood.

M*A*S*H (9:30 p.m., Ch 5.2, MeTV):

Father Mulcahy's Christmas letter to his sister, a nun.

Jazz with OT Christmas (10 p.m., 91.7 W VXU-FM):

Jazz renditions of popular Christmas songs by Louis Armstrong and others.

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